formerly Baker Camp on Lake Sebago

Originally used as a getaway for bank executives in the 1930s, and more recently serving as an overnight destination for city dwellers looking for a quick escape, Baker Camp fell into disrepair and closed in 2017 after fifty years under the same management. Now, AMC is raising funds to fully renovate the camp and reopen it as a multisport, low-barrier oasis for individuals, families, and groups to get outdoors during Harriman State Park’s main season of May to October.

The Baker Sebago facility will provide outdoor recreational opportunities for new and existing recreationists of all ages and backgrounds to connect with nature. Sitting on the shores of Lake Sebago and easily accessible via Seven Lakes Drive, Baker Sebago Outdoor Center (Baker) will be designed for short overnight and longer vacation stays and will be especially well-suited for those looking for waterfront recreation opportunities, including boating, sunbathing, fishing, and swimming; as well as day-hikers, trail runners, and cyclist/bikers looking for a good base from which to explore Harriman State Park’s beautiful road-biking network.

A comfortable cabin experience with AMC’s signature hearty, high-quality meals will be available to guests. Consistent with our offerings at our better-known facilities in New Hampshire, our goal is to provide guests with options during their stays to bolster their confidence in the outdoors and enhance their enjoyment of and appreciation for the natural environment, such as evening campfires, group waterfront activities, and guided walks. With its large rec hall that previously hosted weddings, Baker will be able to host special event groups as well. Baker will also have the ability to serve as an outdoor learning and training facility to nurture the next generation of conservationists.

Your contribution will help to create a comfortable and welcoming center that will provide a broad set of easy-to-access activities and overnight options for diverse audiences from the greater New York region and beyond.

To learn more about this exciting project, please contact Esther De Vito at edevito@outdoors.org or 646-292-5256.

Key Features

Featuring classic Adirondack-style architecture, the Center will be remodeled rather than rebuilt, so as to maintain the look of the original camp.

The Center will be designed to provide a comfortable, welcoming experience to the public and will be open to all (not just AMC members), offering a range of lodging options and amenities to serve a wide range of audiences, including:

- 30 family-size cabins with front porches and lakeside views
- 6 larger group cabins built of American chestnut wood, situated on a terraced hill
- Two waterfront areas including a classic boathouse and a swimming area
- Access to 200+ miles of hiking trails
- Welcome Center for registration, information, and outdoor equipment borrowing
- Recreation Hall for meetings, weddings, receptions, AMC programming, and more (capacity 200)
- Dining Hall with full commercial kitchen, to include an outdoor patio facing the lake (capacity 300)
- Central Bath with individual bath/toilet/wash stalls
- ADA-compliant public spaces, with 10% of cabin accommodations built to be fully accessible
Join AMC is creating this low-barrier, affordable, and close-to-home destination for residents of the Greater New York Region to enjoy the great outdoors.

### Budget and Project Timeline

The preliminary estimate for the complete renovation and rehabilitation of Baker Camp, including design and construction of all 44 buildings and rehabilitation of beachfronts and landscaping, is currently $8.8 million.

#### Timeline

- **2019** Lease signed; site clean-up and architectural planning commences; state approvals
- **2020** Project paused due to pandemic
- **2021** $1 million matching gift challenge launched
- **2022** Clean-up continued; plans refined
- **2023** Renovations of manager cabin, rec and dining halls begin; renovation of cabins and lodges begins (funds permitting)
- **2024** Cabin and lodge renovations continue; development of boating and swimming areas
- **2025** Open for day groups; potential partial occupancy; final phase of construction
- **2026** Full occupancy launch of facility

*Timeline for construction and opening is contingent on pace of fundraising.*

### Preliminary Naming Opportunities

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