

Date Night Ideas

(Duplicates are still possible - a list like this take a bit of editing.)

Afternoon dates, picnic and volleyball

Amateur theater is fun to see -- and even more fun to try out for.

An activity where you talk about more date ideas and/or party ideas

Archery or trap shooting

Astronomy gazing on clear night

Ask your way through a list of questions for couples - you will always discover something that you didn't know about your mate

Attend a day or weekend conference by Family Life, and go out to dinner together or with another couple afterwards

Be a tourist in your own town - take a guided tour, visit the tourist spots, discover all there is to offer

Been through your home library recently - sit down and rediscover the titles you have, take a trip down memory lane looking at the inscriptions and bookmarks. Choose another uplifting title to add to your collection but only if you both will read it.

Bike ride - try a tandem

Bird-watching

Book a double massage

Bring home your favorite fast food, but serve it on your best china.

Bubble bath for two. Candles. Champagne. Need we say more?

Build a web page together.

Canoeing

Catch a romantic movie together.

Catch butterflies

Challenge each other to a cryptic crossword duel. If you don't know how to do them - learn

Check out a library book about constellations, then go look at the stars.

Check out the action at the nearest racetrack.

Check out the talent at a small local art gallery.

Cheese shops. Call and ask if they have regular tasting parties.

Climb a tree together.

Color and hide Easter eggs in the park when its not Easter

Consider purchasing a season pass to a local attraction that allows you to spend as much time there as many times as you want over the year

Cook dinner in the mountains -drive there or tramp to a scenic spot

Create some art together – anyone can be an modern artist!

Create your own recipe for homemade ice cream or sorbet. Try it out.

Curl up with the Sunday crossword puzzle.

Dance to old records or to music on the radio. Learn new steps together.

Design your dream house or dream yard. Sketch your plans, then share your ideas.

Design a family logo to be used on newsletters, envelopes, stickers etc

Dig out that concert T-shirt: You're never too old to catch your favorite classic rock band on its reunion tour.

Do "people watching"

Do you have a local technical college? Find out if they have a training restaurant, beauty school or hairdressers - book in together. A great date on a shoestring

Don't you just drive each other up the wall sometimes? Prove it -- at an indoor climbing wall

Drag your mattress out to in front of the fire (whatever room it is in), enjoy a hot drink, some cake, great music, a massage and sleep (?)

Dress up your backyard picnic table with a white tablecloth. Add candles, fancy cheese, chocolate and voilà: five-star fun

Dress up in fancy dress to accompany your children to a fair, party or celebration - pretend its just the two of you there (within reason!)

Drive in a direction for an hour and find things to do in the area you arrive at.
Drive out to a country field, lie down and snuggle under the stars (ask first for permission if its private).
Drive around seeing the house and garden light displays at Christmas, pack a flask of hot chocolate for the ride
Drive up to a lookout point and admire the view
Dye each others hair.
Each prepare new food surprises for each other, each read favourite scriptures.
Early morning tennis and breakfast
Easter egg hunt
Enjoy a game of Twister
Enjoy a night of dinner and dancing
Feed the ducks
Find a fountain and throw in 10 5 cent pieces, taking turns making wishes
Find a nearby bed-and-breakfast. Spend the night someplace where someone else makes the bed and cooks breakfast
Fire up the bbq for homemade burgers just the way you like them
Fly a kite
Free fun night- see how many free things you can do
Free summer music – Summer in the Park and afterwards you can stroll around the grounds
Frog-catching/ tadpole-rearing
Garage and house clean and sale
Get all dressed up and catch an orchestra or opera performance
Get an easy-to-operate remote-control plane, go to a park and take turns trying to avoid the trees.
Get in the saddle for a horseback-riding lesson.
Get out paints and brushes and paint a picture together or separate
Get up and move: Try swing dancing, tangoing or square dancing.
Get up early or stay up all night (wink, wink) to watch the sunrise.
Give a talent night
Give each other a foot massage – rub on peppermint oil or lanolin
Give each other haircuts.
Go bug hunting
Go cave exploring or black water rafting
Go fishing
Go for an ice cream - make it a double or chocolate dip it for him/her
Go horseback trekking seperate or tandem
Go ice sliding or skating
Go on a dinner cruise.
Go on a hike with picnic lunch
Go out for pizza -- ask them to cut the pie into the shape of a heart.
Go sailing
Go serenading at someone's window
Go through family photos and reminisce together. While you are at it make sure names, places, and dates are on them.
Go through several old boxes of storage together. Get rid of what you don't use.
Go to a local club or restaurant that plays your favorite type of music.
Go to a poetry reading.
Go to an art show
Go to an old fashion drive in movie.
Go to the library and page through the coffee-table art books.
Go to the park and play on the swings and slippery-slide.
Go to the zoo
Goopy, sexy, delicious: Get a fondue pot and have a feast. Add a French movie ('Chocolat' is wonderful) and French-kiss all night.
Grab a basketball and hit the free courts at the park.

Grab a pair of binoculars and spend an afternoon bird-watching.

Green thumb? - if not and concrete is more your style, try making a paver together with your hand and footprints pressed into it, OR a mosaic piece (paver, picture, table top etc) OR a planter from hypertufa (herbs are great)

Hang out in a hammock together and look for shapes in the clouds.

Haunt art displays, museums or pawn shops

Have a "Field Day Party"- fly kites, run races, play on a local school's playgroup, and eat box lunches

Have a "fix-it" night together to fix all the stuff that you just haven't gotten around to doing.

Have a candlelight dinner in back of a truck

Have a Christmas caroling party

Have a party where you divide up in groups and make food- chef hat and apron

Have a picnic at the beach, park or even your living room!

Have a scavenger hunt

Have a water fight.

Have fun at a local amusement park, arcade or miniature golfing place.

Have lunch together- each prepare the others lunch

Have you ever thought about you family 'rules' and systems? If not, sit down with your beloved and start writing down what is important to you. Discuss the why's between the two of you. It may help to imagine you are having a teenage foreign student coming to stay and take it from there.

Hayride (pack the antihistamines)

Head to a batting cage and swing at some balls.

Head to an ice skating rink and strap on skates for some icy fun.

Head to the highest point in town. Spend an early evening watching the twinkling lights turn on.

Find a bridge and walk across it; the view can't be beat.

Hiking in the springtime

Hit a flea market and find a beautiful blanket to snuggle in together.

Hit a hiking trail near you.

Hit a sports bar and cheer on the team.

Hit the golf-ball driving range.

Hit the local video arcade.

Hold a kiss for one elevator ride.

Hold a neighborhood car wash

How about dinner and some stargazing at the planetarium's evening show?

If you have musical instruments, play a duet.

Invest in an ice-cream maker or a bread maker; then invent your own homemade treats.

Jogging together

Jump on a trampoline

Kite making and flying

Learn about your spouse's childhood and teen years.

Leave encouraging post-it notes for your spouse where others can see them - make one of them the plans for your date night

Like getting a bargain - get up early and go garage sale-ing together

Like to take a shot at each other - try Paint ball

Look at clouds- see what animals you can find

Look at old photo albums and high school yearbooks

Love isn't passive - think of how you could bless another couple you know - perhaps invite them to dinner, and when they turn up let them find a note inviting them to share a romantic dinner at your place, alone!

Make a big biscuit (the size of a baking tray) for each other. Decorate it to say "I Love You!"

Make a cake together

Make a finger-foods-only dinner and feed each other.

Make a genealogical web site for both of your families. Post them on the web.

Make a list of goals you want to accomplish in one, five, ten or twenty-five years. Create intermediate steps to accomplish them. Post these where they will be effective in nudging you

to action.

Make a mixed tape or CD

Make a time capsule about your dating days to open 10 years from now.

Make a day of it at the beach, build sand castles together

Make cookies and take some to a neighbor's house. Place them on the doorstep, then knock or ring the bell and run to hide

Make a pavlova, top with your favourite fruit, brew some coffee and enjoy

Make popcorn. Watch a favorite television show, video, or athletic event.

Make yourselves the biggest, craziest ice cream sundae ever.

Map out a long bike ride through a local park

Mosaic a paving tile for your backyard – marking a special occasion, your hands and feet, a favourite past-time or a great big heart. Remember to date it. If you move you can take these with you. Or try a pot planter or the inside of a bird bath.

Mountain Climbing

Museums may have a free night - ring and enquire.

Mystery Drive- flip a coin at each intersection to see which way you'll go.

Need some new furniture...thought about making it yourself. Get out a sheet of paper and sketch your ideas. Decide together about what materials, colours etc you both want. Work on it over a few weekends, then stand back and admire your handiwork.

New idea and food get acquainted date....

Open and share a fresh coconut, mango, paw paw or pineapple. Talk about your dream tropical holiday. What about making that dream a reality.

Order live lobsters, plop them in a pot and have yourselves a shore thing.

Oysters are said to be an aphrodisiac, so head to a seafood place and slurp them right out of the shell.

Pack a picnic - if the weather cooperates you can enjoy a restful evening and even do some star gazing.

Paint coffee mugs at a paint-your-own-pottery place or DIY at home.

Paint her nails – give him a foot massage

Paid off your mortgage - celebrate your wonderful achievement by planning a party for close friends)

Pamper each other with a spa night (massage, bubble bath for two, etc.). Or a mini manicure or pedicure

Pick a TV show, get a season's worth on DVD and make a running date to watch it together every night.

Pick out the perfect frame for your favorite photo of the two of you.

Pick up a bucket of fried chicken and head for the drive-in.

Picture taking date. Use black and white film and take pictures all night

Plan a special barbecue, picnic (summer or winter), make your own pizza party.

Plan an ethnic meal together and make it together

Plan an upcoming vacation or a second honeymoon-even if it's only imaginary.

Plan for the handling of your estate. Draw up wills and get them notarized.

Plan what you can do to turn your bedroom into a boudoir on a budget

Plant a garden or a tree.

Play a favorite board game, marbles, or tether ball.

Play a round of mini golf.

Play croquet.

Play hide and seek in tall grass (this would be fun at night!) [Amazing Maze]

Play paint ball.

Play the "Ungame" to get to know each other better

Play video games at home.

Play your favorite sport together.

Poke around an antique shop.

Prayer walk together around your neighbourhood

Prepare a tribute for each other, gathering letters of appreciation from those who know your spouse. Make it into a 'This Is Your Life' night.

Prepared to put aside 6 -7 weeks? Commit to a Homebuilders Course (see Family Life website)
Put on your sexiest stilettos; sip fancy non-alcoholic cocktails at a hotel bar.
Race toy trains
Read a book or the scriptures together. If you prefer, read a book during the month, then discuss it in depth on your date night. What about Rick Warrens' 'Purpose Driver Life'.
Read or reread your marriage vows to each other
Read past entries from journals
Readers Theatre- invite some friends over and let each read a part in a hilarious comedy
Rearrange the furniture in one room of your home
Refinish a piece of furniture for your home
Rent a fancy car. Drive around as if you actually own it
Ride the water slides at the local community pool or theme park (don't forget the sun block)
Roast marshmallows in an open fire – serve between chocolate wheatens
Roller skating
Run around the golf course or through the park barefoot
Run through the sprinklers
Sample international food at a street fair.
Search the library to find a newspaper from the day you were born and read them together
Share a straw - enjoy a romantic drink made for two
Sightseeing in your own city
Sign up for a one-night class at your local college or do a night school course together.
Sign up for an evening class at a pottery studio
Sign up for Yahoo Messenger and sent each other little messages throughout the day or text each other on the cellphone
Sing together, with or without a piano. Harmonize, blend. Sing rounds. This is especially good for a date near Christmas.
Skydiving
Slide down hills of ice in the summer on big blocks of ice
Slide down sand dunes
Snipe hunting with friends
Spend an evening with your friends
Stand on a main street and analyze people
Start at dawn and ride bikes to a nearby lake for breakfast
Stay at a hotel for the night, and be sure to order in!
Stop at a fancy bakery and pick out a treat each -- for each other.
Study something together- scriptures??
Suit up and spend a late afternoon at an indoor pool
Surf the internet and look for common interest sites
Swing at the neighborhood park
Take a balloon or helicopter ride over your town
Take a dinner cruise: The motion of the ocean sets off sensuous signals inside us (think water beds).
Take a hayride or do the Amazing Maze
Take a local walking history tour
Take a sketchpad to a scenic bluff and draw your own version of the vista
Take a test-drive of a fun sports car
Take a tour of garage sales in the ritziest neighborhoods
Take a tour of the house you'd (someday) love to own
Take a walk in a graveyard, you never know what will turn up
Take a walk in the rain
Take a walk on the beach
Take a walk together along a scenic route
Take a whale-watching cruise. (Landlubbers, hit the aquarium!)
Take an online personality or career profile 'test' - what new thing can you discover about your mate?
Take turns singing cheesy out-of-tune ballads at karaoke.oddcast.com or free.karaoke.com.

Talk about the dreams you have for your children – look at their baby photos
Tandem riding a bicycle built for two
Teach each other something new, such as a principle of geometry or a bit of foreign language.
Tennis
The sultriest music? Jazz. Try a trip to a jazz club or a night at home with a CD by Cassandra Wilson.
Think about what you would do for/to yourself if you were widowed in order to make yourself 'marketable' again- start doing that now in your marriage! (ie take more care of your appearance, learn a new skill etc)
Throw frisbees in the park
Too cold or wet for an outdoor picnic? Spread a blanket on the floor and have a carpet picnic
Tour art galleries
Tree-climbing
Trim your fingernails, wear thick socks and hit the bowling alley
Try brunch and a matinee; fancy restaurants are way more affordable in the a.m.
Try live entertainment, such as a band at a local bar, instead of a movie
Try this kissing challenge: 100 kisses in three hours
Unleash your inner pool shark and hit a dive bar or a pool hall
Valentine's dinner
Visit your local Farmers market for fresh and fanciful produce, plan a meal together with what you bought
Visit a hospital, or convalescent home - read the residents their letters, play cards with them, listen to their stories
Visit a museum together
Visit a Visitor's centre - plan a holiday or learn about other place in your own country
Visit the circus when it come to town
Visit the closest merry-go-round
Visit the hothouse at your local botanical garden
Visit a travel agency and plan an overseas holiday
Volunteer to be guides at a local attraction for a holiday weekend
Walk through the rain or snow
Want to celebrate your relationship - plan a vow renewal ceremony - this time, do it the way you want it
Wash the car - have a water fight
Wash windows together one on either side of the window.
Watch a romantic movie together.
Watch old movies on television
Watch or listen to an educational program or readers' theatre. www.chirotoons.com
Watch the planes - park your car at the aerodrome or airport and watch the aircraft take off and land while you share a banana split. If the urge to neck comes over you, give in.
Watch the stars - visit the Planetarium and hold hands while you gaze heavenward and learn a thing or two about the Milky Way.
Watch your wedding video and write thank you notes to those who were involved
Water balloon fights
When buying lunch at a bakery for a picnics together, find a treat with a heart on it or get them to pipe one on for your mate
Work out your aggressions with some co-kickboxing.
Work together to finish one of your monumental tasks that you have put off forever; paint a room, wash windows, or something similar.
Write a family letter to relatives about your family and you. Then send it out by mail or e-mail.
Write a poem together.