

# Date Idea: Kidnap Him!



By Emma L. Wells and [Bonnie Griffin](#)

Of course, we don't mean that you should *actually* kidnap your sweetheart! But a faux kidnapping surprise is a great way to spice up your relationship and love. This [date idea](#) is about catching him off guard and showing off your spontaneous side.

## Be Romantic and Exciting With This Spontaneous Date Idea

Surprise your significant other in the morning by telling him you're kidnapping him for the day. He'll love how genuine and carefree you are. Just remember to stealthily check his schedule ahead of time and make sure that he doesn't have

something important planned.

For this date idea, you should have a whole day filled with surprises for him. For starters, whisk him out of bed and take him to a big pancake breakfast for the two of you. Don't tell him ahead of time where else you're going; it's for you to know and him to find out!

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With this relationship advice, you'll be visiting some of your favorite past date spots. Think back on your relationship and the places you fell in love, then head out to the places that have significance for you as a couple. You can go to where you first met, where you had your first date or kiss, and where you first told each other "I love you." It will be very romantic to recall all those special moments together.

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To make this weekend date idea even more exciting, consider adding a treasure hunt component. After you kidnap him in the morning, give him a set of clues that you and him will follow throughout the day. It's a great chance to test your riddle skills! Give the day some variety by not just visiting places but doing activities too. Stop at locations where you can do a project or play a game together.

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This date idea is great for seeing how far you've come as a couple as well as all of the possibilities you have for the future. After your spontaneous day, have a relaxed and romantic candlelight dinner waiting at home and end this date on the right note.

**What kind of spontaneous date ideas have you planned? Tell us below!**

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# Date Idea: Back-to-School Cookout



By Emma L. Wells and [Mara Miller](#)

What's the best way to prepare for the new school year? With a party, of course! Enjoy the last few days of summer by hosting a back-to-school cookout with your beau for all your friends. Use this [relationship advice](#) to bring you and your significant other even closer. You don't have to be in school for this [date idea](#) either! Backyard barbecues are fun no matter what age you are. It's time to fire up the grill and make some ice cold drinks for everyone to enjoy.

# Plan a cookout for a fun and relaxing date idea this weekend!

This weekend date idea should be casual. Set-up a buffet with a variety of picnic treats. Try branching out beyond burgers, hot dogs, and potato salad. You can make a nice grilled chicken or rack of ribs and some seasonal veggie kabobs. Don't forget the sides too! Skip the greasy potato chips and make some yummy cornbread instead. Fruit salad is a good standby, but maybe try something more adventurous like a watermelon Caprese salad. It'll have your guests coming back for seconds and thirds! For dessert, put out a sundae bar to satisfy everyone's sweet tooth.

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If you're not into doing too much work for a party, you can always plan a potluck party instead. Just ask your guests to bring a main dish, a side, a starter, or a dessert, and be surprised by the spread that comes together!

If you live in an apartment, condominium, or townhouse, don't write off this relationship advice just because you don't have a backyard. Plenty of parks have cookout areas with grills and benches that you can use. To keep things really simple, grab a few picnic blankets, a cooler, and a frisbee, and head to your local park for some nice outdoor time.

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Enjoy your last few days of freedom before the school year starts by organizing some fun games for your guests. If you have enough room, you can play touch football, kickball, or badminton. Or take some tips from your inner child and play some old school recess games like Duck Duck Goose or Red Rover. The most important thing to remember to make this date idea a success is to kick back and relax!



Follow this love advice, and you and your significant other will have a blast playing host. You'll see how well you guys mesh when working on a project. Plus, this weekend date idea is a great excuse to bring your groups of friends together. If things go well, there may be more joint parties in your future.

What are some ways you and your honey host a successful cookout? Tell us below!

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## Date Idea: Light Up Each Other's World



By Emma L. Wells and [Mara Miller](#)

The Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah occurs in early autumn of the Northern Hemisphere. Even if you aren't Jewish, there are many [date idea](#) activities that you and your partner can do with this special holiday in mind.

## Here's how you can celebrate Rosh Hashanah with this date idea!

Since many of your Jewish friends will be attending religious services during Rosh Hashanah, you can put together a thoughtful New Years gift basket for them. Your friends will appreciate this gift that says "Shana Tova" or "Happy New Year." There are many Rosh Hashanah symbols and traditions you can include in your basket. On Rosh Hashanah, Jews dip apples into honey to signify a sweet new year, so make sure you include some yummy apples and delicious locally sourced honey in your basket. Other food items you can include are pomegranates, nuts, chocolates, and dried fruits. You can make chocolate-covered strawberries too!

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Be sure your basket includes candles as well. On this date idea, you can even get crafty with your beau by making them together! Check to see if any specialty candle shops in your neighborhood offer candle making classes. You can also purchase candle making kits from a nearby craft store, or go the DIY route by looking up a tutorial online and buying the supplies yourself.

Candles are pretty simple to make. Once you two get the hang of it, try making different colors, patterns, and sizes with the wax. Make a bunch – some for your own home and others to give as gifts. Your friends will be excited and touched that you made the candles yourself. Plus, you can use these

homemade candles for a candlelit dinner and make your next date night even more romantic.

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Don't worry if you've just met someone: This weekend date idea is perfect for the start of a new relationship and love! Doing something creative with your significant other will allow you to glimpse a side of them you might not have seen before. Follow this love advice to get to know each other better.

**How will you celebrate Rosh Hashanah this weekend? Tell us in the comments below!**

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## Date Idea: Hometown Tourism





By Emma L. Wells and [Mara Miller](#)

Who says you have to get out of town to be a tourist? This [date idea](#) is perfect for couples who can't take a vacation, but who want to spend some quality time improving their relationship.

## **With this date idea, let your city surprise you this weekend!**

There are many ways to make this date idea a success. First, experience the sights, tastes, and sounds that your city is known for. Make a list of the biggest tourist attractions in your hometown and complete as many on the list as you and your beau can do in one day. If you live in a big city, pick a new neighborhood to explore. Does this area have a walking tour, a museum, or any historical or famous spots to visit? Afterward, head to a popular spot for lunch. If you're lucky, maybe a local band will be playing. You'll be surprised by how much goes on right under your nose!



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If you want to venture beyond just one neighborhood, make this date idea a themed day. Decide to walk around to all the best museums, historical sights, or specialty eats in your city. At the end of the day, rank them from your favorite to least favorite. That way, you can revisit your top picks!

You can also consider doing activities you may have done before but not in a long time, like going to the zoo or aquarium. It will be special to experience them again with your significant other. Plus, this [dating advice](#) will allow you to see old things in a new light.

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Don't forget your tennis shoes! This date idea requires a lot of walking, so make sure you wear comfortable clothing and sensible footwear. You can still be stylish and sexy. For instance, wear skinny jeans, a black silky top, and red sneakers. After all, you don't want aching feet to interrupt the fun!

Follow this [dating advice](#) and add some sweet shots and selfies to your photo album. Take a snap together at every stop you make. Consider filming parts of the day and make a montage of your date. You'll create memories that you and your partner can cherish for years to come.

**Have you ever been a tourist in your own city? Tell us below!**

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## **Weekend Date Idea: Get Crafty**



By Emma L. Wells and [Mara Miller](#)

As kids, we spend much of our free time drawing or creating some unique works of art (even if no one knows what they are), but as adults, we often let our creativity take a backseat to our many responsibilities. With that thought in mind, it's time to get crafty with this [date idea](#)! On your next night out, take your honey to the local pottery store where you two lovebirds can create your own clay pieces or paint ones already made.

## Let love be your muse this weekend with this date idea!

Channel your inner [Demi Moore](#) and Patrick Swayze and create your own clay pieces with this [relationship advice](#). Many

pottery stores, artists' studios, and community colleges offer workshops in pottery-making where you can create anything from vases to bowls and plates. Maybe your beau has a secret artsy side just waiting to shine! If you two enjoy yourselves, you might consider joining a weekly or monthly pottery class together to really focus on improving your creative abilities. You'll probably meet other couples too and have the opportunity to expand your social circle.

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If you can't find a place to craft your own or just don't feel up to the challenge – or the mess! – try to find a craft store like Michael's, Hobby Lobby, or Joann's where you can purchase all sorts of fun pottery pieces and decorate them yourselves. Find that perfect vase to house your next bouquet of wildflowers and see how in sync you are by working on a single project together. In a quiet pottery studio, there will be plenty of time to talk while you work. If you're a new couple, this is a great opportunity to get to know one another, and if you've been together for a while, it'll give you a chance to reconnect. Painting is also a great activity if you are looking for group weekend date ideas to enjoy with your favorite couple friends.

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If you are in need of some inspiration, let your partner be your muse. Use their favorite color or shape to guide you. To make things more fun, decide to make something for each other and then swap your handmade gifts at the end of the date. That way, you'll both have something to help you remember the day.

**Have you ever gone on a crafty date? Share your story below!**

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# Date Idea: Pop the Cork!



By Emma L. Wells and [Mara Miller](#)

While wine tasting at a vineyard is an excellent and romantic [date idea](#), it can also be costly and hard to arrange if you don't live near a winery or the savings for a trip. Even better: you don't need to head to Napa to enjoy a romantic and fun night with your beau for your next [date night](#)!

## Let the wine and conversation flow



# this weekend with this date idea!

Wine tasting can actually be an easy and cheap date idea in this [dating advice](#). Try visiting different restaurants and bars in your area. At each location, ask for a glass of your server's favorite wine. If you want to stick within a certain price point or have a preference of red versus white, it's totally acceptable to share when you order. Just say something like, "We'd really like to try a glass of your favorite white wine, preferably in the 10-20 dollar range."

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Ask your server why this particular wine is their favorite or where the grapes were grown; that way, you can learn a little bit about each wine you taste. Test your palate and see if you can taste what they're talking about. You might even consider bringing along a wine tasting guide. A simple Google search will bring up many options to get you started. Take notes on your phone to help you remember what wines you liked best (either the name of the wine or even just the region of the vineyard).

This date idea can be as flexible or planned as you want. You may prefer to scope out restaurants or bars ahead of time and make an itinerary for the evening. If you want to be a bit more spontaneous, just pick a starting point, enjoy your first glass of wine, and then stroll around the block until you find your next spot.

To make the most of this dating advice, think about heading out earlier in the evening so you snag the happy hour deals. After a few stops, find a good spot for a nice dinner. Consider switching it up by ordering your favorite wine for your partner to try. If they don't like it, you know it won't go to waste!

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Making this date idea a success is easy; just be open to trying new things and having fun. As the wine flows, so will the conversation. Location hopping will help you get to know your hometown better, and you may even find a new favorite place to hang out.

**Tell us about your favorite wine tasting adventure with your partner!**

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## Date Idea: Homemade Smoothies



By [Sarah Batcheller](#) and [Mara Miller](#)

It's hot outside, and you and your beau have exhausted every effort to bare the record-breaking heat. One thing you may not have tried, though, is a day inside blending together your favorite ingredients to concoct the perfect smoothies. All you need for this [date idea](#) is a blender and your favorite fruits. A day well-spent indoors this summer is just what the two of you need to wind down and cool off!

## **Check out Cupid's best relationship advice for beating the summer heat with this date idea!**

Smoothies are fantastic because they're an easy and delicious homemade treat. Whether you have a sweet tooth or you're a health nut, there are dozens of smoothie recipes out there for you. The Food Network has listed fifty of their own, and you're bound to find more as you search. You can stick to traditional strawberry banana, or you can try your hand at more unique recipes. SimplyArtisanal.com has some very fun ideas that are sure to "wow" your lover like vanilla fig and peach fuzzy navel. Don't be shy about blending different recipes; the whole point is to stay in and try something new!

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Half the fun of this weekend date idea is in the preparation. Pick out your favorite recipes; make a list of everything you'll need; and hit the grocery store. It doesn't matter if you're on a budget or willing to splurge – you can find something that fits your desires. If the two of you want to challenge each other, split up at the grocery store and pick out your favorite ingredients. Follow this relationship advice and surprise your partner's taste buds with your creation!

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You and your partner can even have a contest to see who can come up with the best recipe. For added fun, create categories like “most original”, “best tasting”, or “most disgusting.” Then, the date will be more about the time you’re spending together and less about the actual smoothies (not that we’re against that). If you’re turning the smoothie-making into a day-long event, you’ll want to remember to make small portions each time so that you can both try them all!

**What is the best smoothie recipe you’ve ever made? Tell us in the comments below!**

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## **Date Idea: A Day at Sea**





By [Sarah Batcheller](#) and [Mara Miller](#)

Embrace the other elements with your cutie and spend a day exploring the ocean. This weekend date idea can include so many different activities at sea, including jet skiing, scuba diving or snorkeling, and sailing. Being out in the vast water and so far away from dry land will allow you two to really indulge in some alone time. Consider this relationship and love advice and make a day out of conquering the great, blue sea!

## Get ready for this ocean-inspired date idea!

Jet skiing is a fantastic option because it's highly accessible. There are tons of companies on every beach. Once you've found one that matches your budget, make an appointment. After you arrive, the instructors will have you sign a waiver and take a short safety course. Then, you can strap on your life jacket and head to the shore, where they'll help you enter the water. If you want to compete with your lover, you can rent two jet skis or if you want to get cozy, rent one to share. Either way, you'll be able to venture further out into the ocean than you have ever before.

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In order to partake in deep-sea scuba diving, you have to take lessons and be licensed. This is always an exciting date idea, but if you're just going out for a day at the beach, you may want to opt for some snorkeling instead. You can purchase snorkeling equipment at many sporting goods or department stores, and from there, all you'll need is your ability to swim! Underneath the pier is a great place to snorkel, as a lot of sea critters gather there. You can also bring your snorkel right offshore where you'd normally swim and take a gander at what's lurking around your feet.

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If you or a friend owns a sailboat, then use this weekend date idea to spend the day lounging on the deck with your sweetie. You can even make it a couples date and invite your best friends. Boating is not only exciting, but it provides an escape from everything back on solid land. Pack some food and drinks, and you'll be able to stay out there all day!

**What's your favorite way to explore the ocean? Tell us about it in the comments below!**

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## **Date Idea: Enjoy a Secret Sunset**





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When we think of iconic images of romance, we often visualize the sunset. The soft glow of the sun going down and blanketing us in darkness makes us want to cuddle up close to the one we love. If you want to plan an unforgettable summer date night and show how much you love your partner *without* having to spend a dime, just follow this [dating advice](#) and find a peaceful spot to enjoy the sunset together.

## Enjoy a beautiful sunset on this summer date night!

For this weekend date idea, finding a place to watch the sunset gives you the option of staying close to home or traveling to a more unfamiliar place. After all, who doesn't love a good road trip to the beach? Wherever you decide to go, you may enjoy the melody of crickets, the twinkle of fireflies, or the sound of the waves washing away all your worries. At the end of the day (literally), you're there to

enjoy the mystifying view of your side of the world turning away from the sun. We can already envision the silhouette of that perfect kiss with your love!

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Since darkness will impede on your ability to see during your date night, bring along some things that will ignite your other senses. Pack a picnic and enjoy a delicious dinner for two with no interruptions. This also gives you the opportunity to create some homemade masterpieces together before you head to your special spot. Bring speakers to play your favorite music while you dance the night away. To make the occasion even more special, create a playlist of songs that you've dedicated to your one true love. If you're able to, light a bonfire and cuddle up in its warmth. If a little ambiance is all your looking for, bring along some tea light candles to set the mood.

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The good thing about the sunset is that it happens every day, so if spontaneity is your way of life, you can grab your babe and go catch the view any day you please. This date idea requires no planning or research – all you need is the desire to have a magical night. You could even make it into a tradition: It can be your way of commemorating the start of summer or a weekly date until it gets too chilly. Maybe you'll even fall asleep and wake up for the sunrise! Whatever you decide, Mother Nature's wheels will always be turning.

**Where is your favorite spot to enjoy the sunset? Tell us in the comments below!**

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# Date Idea: See Sparks Fly



By [Sarah Batcheller](#) and [Mara Miller](#)

“See sparks fly” isn’t just an old idiom or part of a Taylor Swift song – we’re talking about the Fourth of July! What else turns up the heat more than celebrating our country’s independence? If you think you see fireworks every time you kiss your loved one or look into their eyes, then how about turning that dreamlike state into reality and finding the best fireworks in town for tomorrow’s special holiday? Watching fireworks bursting is invigorating, so use this weekend [date idea](#) to share it with the person who makes you feel most alive!

# Indulge in this Fourth of July date idea!

The Travel Channel determined the best fireworks displays in the country, so if your city landed a spot on this list, grab a blanket and head out to see the show. Many flock to the nation's capital, Washington, D.C., to celebrate our country's big day, and if you wanted to get especially festive on this date idea, you could book a Potomac River cruise. Even if your city isn't on this list, we all love to cuddle up with our boo, so wherever you go, you're bound to feel the magic. If your heart so desires a road trip to make the day even more monumental, just be sure to plan everything in advance.

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You'll want to arrive at the fireworks location ahead of time to claim a good spot. After all, there aren't many people who stay home on this glorious day! That being said, choose a quiet area where there will be less hustle and bustle – it's not like you won't be able to see the fireworks! Just make sure a monument or skyscraper isn't blocking your view, and you'll be good to go. Because you're arriving early, remember this dating advice and pack properly as well. Bring insect repellent, water, snacks, and games to keep you entertained.

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If you're the after-party type, there's sure to be plenty to do when the fireworks are over. If you want to get really festive, dress up in your best red, white, and blue outfits and find a bar that really speaks to your wilder side. Rooftop spots are especially popular since everyone's eyes are looking toward the sky already. This is a day for everyone to celebrate, so let loose with the one who makes every day as romantic as it can be!

What is your favorite thing to do with your partner on the Fourth of July? Share your best dating advice in the comments below!

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## Love Advice: Old-Fashioned Summer Fun



By [Sarah Batcheller](#) and Mara Miller

When you were a kid, there was nothing like summertime: no school for two months, water balloon fights, the classic Slip 'N Slide, and frequent pool days. Just because you're older now doesn't mean you and your boo can't enjoy some throwback

fun! Follow this [dating advice](#) to enjoy all the summer activities you reveled in as a child.

## Check out this fun summertime date idea!

Water balloon fights are an excellent activity for a big group, so get your honey to grab his friends while you invite yours and initiate a water war on this weekend date idea. Pinterest has tons of ideas for planning an epic water fight, so all you need is a good-sized backyard and the will to clean up all the balloon scraps when you're done! Water balloon fights are the perfect opportunity for the two of you to be extra flirty as well. Take advantage of the constant surprise attacks and your sexy, soaking wet man!

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Slip 'N Slides may have been the token summer toy in the 90's, but they're still for sale. All kinds of Slip 'N Slides can be found on Amazon. They make a great gift, so you can surprise your lover with one and then put it to good use. Chances are, you'll start reminiscing about the fun times you had playing on a Slip 'N Slide as a kid, which will make for an especially romantic date. Don't fret if it's rainy outside: The Slip 'N Slide is fun in the mud too!

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Let your inner child come out to play when you follow this love advice and visit your neighborhood pool. Sunbathing is fun, but laying there in silence next to your partner isn't as exciting as a splash fight or ordering ice cream cones from the snack bar. Indulge in all the things you would've enjoyed when you were younger, and you'll both be overcome with giggles – which we all know is *the* way to bond. If you want to spend the entire day at the pool, pack a picnic, books, and



water guns. You'll never have a moment to be bored!

What were your favorite childhood summer activities? Tell us in the comments below!

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## Father's Day Date Idea: Gone Fishing



By Amanda Boyer and [Mara Miller](#)

Instead of celebrating Father's Day with just you and your pops, consider this [dating and relationship advice](#), and make plans with your partner and his dad, too. To make this special

day even more memorable, plan a fun day doing something you know your fathers will love: fishing!

## Take Your Dads Fishing on This Fun Date Idea

On this weekend date idea, enjoy the beautiful summer weather while you hang out at a nearby pond, river, or lake. Be sure to make preparations ahead of time: Rent a boat or other equipment you may need; fill your tackle box with all of the necessities (or buy a pre-packed box if you don't have one in the garage), and grab those fishing rods. Be sure to pack a picnic lunch too! Load up the car, and on your drive, play some music that you know your dads will enjoy. If it's still early in the day, pick up some coffee and bagels for breakfast.

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If you've never been fishing before or don't remember the tips you were taught as a child, this date idea is the perfect time to learn from both your partner and your dad. Let them show you how to bait your hook (don't get squeamish!) and cast your line. Don't be afraid to ask questions too; they'll enjoy your interest in one of their hobbies.

Once you get the hang of it, have a competition between you and your dad and your partner and his old man. Ready, set, fish! See who can catch the most fish before lunch. If the fish are slow to bite, see who can hook the biggest fish instead. Take pictures to document your best catches. You can even pick a prize too, like losers have to pack up the gear at the end of the day and buy dinner.

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While we're fans of catch and release fishing spots, if you want to keep your fish to eat later, they're sure to make a great Father's Day meal. On the way home, stop at the grocery store to pick up some seasonings and sides. Grab your dad's favorite kind of beers too! Light up the grill and reminisce about your day as you enjoy the results of your hard work.

Don't forget to tell your dad how much you love them and thank them for being such great fathers. Talk about your favorite childhood memories and the most important lessons you learned from them. Happy Father's Day!

**Have another Father's Day date idea? Comment below!**

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## **Date Idea: Finders Keepers**





By [Sarah Batcheller](#) and [Mara Miller](#)

The beach is exciting and romantic no matter what, but if you've ever wanted to add an additional air of adventure to your trip, follow this [date idea](#) and try using a metal detector! You and your lover may find some hidden treasures while out and about...or, at the very least, find some less valuable trinkets to laugh about. Metal detecting is something we usually only see on movies and television shows, but in actuality, it's a beloved pastime for a lot of people, many of whom have found it to be very lucrative.

## Dating Advice for Your Next Trip to the Beach

If you are a frequent beach-goer, it's likely you have a routine down every time you visit the shore: Spread out the towel, lather on the sunscreen, hit the water, and then return to sunbathe. Why not add a bit of exploring to your next day at the beach? The level of anticipation will allow you and



your honey to grow closer as the excitement grows too.

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For this weekend date idea, you'll want to make sure you know how to use your equipment before you go searching in the sand. Talk to someone at the sporting goods or department store before going wild with your metal detector – you'll need to know all its features in order to achieve optimal results. Researching metal detecting tips beforehand will not only be fun for you and your sweetie, but it'll allow you to enjoy your day even more.

It's important that you pick a proper location when considering this dating advice. Head to a beach that is known to be crowded at times, but go during off-hours. That way, there will be more opportunity for precious metals to be lost, but you won't have to weave in and out of the crowd to find them. Whichever beach you choose, consider speaking with the locals before digging in; they'll have more knowledge on where people have found impressive items in the past.

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To make this date idea even more exciting, have a competition with your loved one to see who can find the most valuable or more ridiculous items. You can even compete to see who can bring back the best gifts for each other. If you really want to make a day out of it, invite other couples to join you in your treasure hunt.

**Ever use a metal detector at the beach? Tell us what you found!**

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# Date Idea: Mid-Year Resolutions



By Amanda Boyer and [Mara Miller](#)

It's hard to believe that the year is already halfway over! If you follow this date idea, you and your partner can read over your New Year's resolutions and recommit yourself to those goals. Maybe you have some mid-year resolutions to add to your list for the remainder of 2019, too.

## Follow This Love Advice and Set Goals for the Remainder of the

# Year!

First, rewrite your list by dividing it into two categories: those resolutions you've already completed and those you still need to do. Maybe you've lost those stubborn 10 pounds that you gained during the holiday season (go you!), but you're still not exercising enough. Follow this [love advice](#) and talk to your sweetheart about how you can each achieve your individual goals together. For instance, you can meet at the gym after work at least three days each week. Having a plan in place will help you check these remaining resolutions off of your list.

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With this date idea, you can even start accomplishing your objectives right now. If you feel like you need an extra boost to get yourself to workout, download a fun, fast-paced playlist to listen to while you're running. If you prefer to use a treadmill, you can even purchase a season pass of your favorite show on iTunes. Then, only allow yourself to watch *Grey's Anatomy* or *Modern Family* while you're getting your cardio done. If a gym membership is too pricey for you, order a few new Jillian Michaels DVDs from Amazon.

Now that you're on track to finish your January resolutions, it's time to make some new ones, specifically ones to improve your relationship and love! Get creative and think outside of the box. If you're both into amusement park rides, plan to ride every roller coaster at your local park before the summer ends. If you're scared of heights, this weekend date idea is a great way to conquer your fear with your sweetheart by your side.

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Perhaps you have a more serious resolution in mind. If you need to add more money to your savings account each month, brainstorm ways to cut back. Promise to only eat out once or twice each month and think off ways to spend less at the grocery store. You can also come up with a list of cheap date ideas, like playing with puppies a nearby animal shelter or throwing the frisbee and enjoying a picnic in the park. If your mid-year resolutions allow you and your significant other to spend more time together, that's even better!

By Sunday evening, try to accomplish just one item on your list. That'll motivate you to keep the momentum going for the rest of the year!

**What mid-year resolutions will you and your partner make? Share with us in the comments below!**

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## **Date Idea: One, Two, Walk in My Shoes**







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Dates with your special someone don't have to be the same week after week. To change up your usual nights of dinner and your favorite television shows, follow your partner during their typical day and be an active part of it. This date idea will not only give you insight into your sweetheart's typical routine, but you'll have new things to talk about when the day is over.

## Follow Your Honey Around with This Date Idea

Even if you aren't a morning person, you still have to roll out of bed when your honey's alarm goes off. If he's an early gym-goer, put your exercise gear on. With your beau by your side, you're sure to make it through that grueling workout. You can jump on treadmills next to each other to encourage each other during a warm-up run and then help each other count reps in the weight room. By the end of the workout,

you'll forget how much you wanted to hit that snooze button!

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After a shower and some breakfast, it's time to head to work. On this weekend date idea, see if you can go into the office to really see what your partner does every day at work. It'll help you better understand their daily tasks if you're actually there to see them complete them. Plus, it'll be a turn-on to see them so focused and powerful!

Instead of a normal lunch break with their co-workers, follow this love advice: Use this opportunity for an afternoon date together. Ask your partner to take you to their go-to restaurant near work. You've seen them bring home leftovers enough; you'll be excited to finally get to try the yummy food! After you finish eating, if it's nice out, take a romantic stroll before you go back to work.

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When five o'clock rolls around, punch out. Swing by the grocery store if needed and cook a favorite recipe tonight. Since you spent the whole day together, your dinner conversation will be a bit different than usual. Talk about what you learned about your partner today. Tomorrow, you can switch roles and show your significant other how you usually spend *your* day!

**Ever spend the day shadowing your significant other? Share your stories and dating advice below!**

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# Dating Advice: Plan a City Scavenger Hunt



By Amanda Boyer and [Mara Miller](#)

If you're looking for a fun and active date idea, head into the city for a new adventure! Instead of doing the same old thing – shopping followed by dinner and a movie – change it up. A scavenger hunt is a perfect way to get to know your hometown even more. To turn this [relationship advice](#) into a competition, invite your friends and their partners to join you.

## Follow This Dating Advice to Plan a

# Scavenger Hunt!

Look online for lists of items to search for during your scavenger hunt. Sites like Pinterest have great ideas that are catered to specific cities. If you want to get even more creative, you can combine different lists and make your own. You could even focus on a specific theme, like cultural activities or historical spots.

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On the day of the event, assign certain items from the list to each couple. For this weekend date idea, distribute the lists and make sure each couple has a camera to document their finds. To give you and your partner an advantage, make sure you have a GPS and map. To be even more prepared, bring extra batteries for your camera and portable chargers for your phones in case of emergencies. Be sure to pick a place and time to meet up in a few hours too!

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During your time in the city, don't just complete everything on your list; create memories too. Stop and take pictures together at fun areas around town. Hold hands and reminisce about your relationship and love. Once the hunt is over and you've met back up with your friends, share your findings over dinner and drinks.

**Have you ever planned a scavenger hunt with your love? Tell us your best relationship advice below!**

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# Dating Advice: Celebrate Your Mothers



By Amanda Boyer and [Mara Miller](#)

With Mother's Day around the corner, show your love not only for your mom but for your partner's mom too! With this [dating advice](#), you can spend time getting ready for this special holiday with one of the people you love most. It can help you and your partner bond over your mothers as you talk about childhood memories, pick out the perfect gift, and cook a yummy meal.

## A Mother's Day Date Idea

If you and your significant other want to be sentimental, you can make a day out of crafting for your moms. For projects to do on this weekend date idea, Pinterest has tons of boards filled with homemade cards, DIY picture frames, and more. You could put together a scrapbook of your favorite photos and write about why each memory is so important to you. Remember that your man may need a little help in the arts and crafts department. Be patient with him as he puts his artistic skills to the test!

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Once you figure out what you both want to create, take a trip to Michaels or a similar store and gather the materials that you need. Head home and get busy! For even more inspiration, consider this dating advice: Pop in a movie about mothers – something like *Because I Said So* or *Steel Magnolias*. Make sure you have some snacks on hand too! You won't realize how quickly time passes when you're having fun with your cutie.

When you're finished crafting, it's time to write a handwritten note for your mom. Tell her what it means to you to have a mother like her and how she's helped shape you into who you are. You can find quotes or poems to use on sites like *QuoteGarden.com*. One quote that is commonly used on Mother's Day cards is: "Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while but their hearts forever."

If you're feeling particularly excited about the holiday, write a card for your partner's mom too. Talk about how well they did raising your sweetheart and what it means to have someone like them in your life. You can even slip in a spa gift card as a sweet surprise!

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For the big day, make reservations for brunch or lunch at a nearby restaurant for you, your beau, and both of your

moms. That way, you can spend the day together celebrating the women who mean so much to you! Or, if you're gifted in the kitchen, cook something special for the four of you. Find out the favorite dish of each mom and incorporate it into a delicious spread. You can also include a favorite item from your childhoods.

Happy Mother's Day!

**How do you plan to celebrate Mother's Day this year? Comment below!**

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## Date Idea: Hunt for Love



By Amanda Boyer and [Mara Miller](#)

Easter is just around the corner! Who says you can't act like a kid for the day? Searching for homemade treats and sweet notes from your beau is an easy way to enjoy the holiday and strengthen your relationship.

## Easter Weekend Date Idea

To get started on this [weekend date idea](#), bake some sugar cookies and decorate them with pastel frosting and Easter images, like colorful eggs, bunnies, and spring flowers. If you want to make something a bit more challenging, you can check out Allrecipes.com for recipes for chocolate-covered Easter eggs and rocky road candies. Once they've cooled, wrap them in saran wrap with pretty pink and blue bows. To follow this dating advice, hide them around the house in places your partner may not expect, like the back of his t-shirt drawer or behind his favorite book on the bookshelf. When your man's sweet tooth hits, tell him to start hunting!

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To make this date idea a bit more personal, grab a pen and a pad of paper to write a few love notes. If you have it handy, use Easter or springtime-themed stationery. For inspiration, Google "love quotes" or "famous movie quotes" and steal some lines from your favorite writers and actors. You can tie these sweet sentiments to your baked goodies.

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If you'd rather not hide your presents around the house, create a grown-up Easter basket instead. In addition to your cookies, candies, and love notes, buy your sweetheart that video game he's been wanting or surprise him with a gift card to your go-to date night restaurant.



If you really want to get in the Easter spirit, spend the day with your nieces and nephews or with your friends' children. Their infectious giggles are sure to get you in the mood for an exciting egg hunt! Even if you don't have little ones, it's a wonderful time to spend with your family. After a morning spent alone with your significant other, get together for a home-cooked brunch and remind yourself of how blessed you are.

Happy Easter!

**How do you celebrate Easter with your love? Tell us your best dating advice in the comments below!**

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## **Date Idea: Get Thrifty**





By Amanda Boyer and [Mara Miller](#)

Guys usually can't stand when they're dragged on a shopping trip. They end up complaining as they wait around, holding your purse and bags of brand new clothes. To keep your man interested, put a little twist on your next day out. To follow this [date idea](#) and [dating advice](#), look for gently-used clothing and accessories at your local thrift stores! You can buy budget-friendly items while making some new memories with your other half.

## Go Thrift Store Shopping with This Date Idea!

Before you go shopping for new goodies, go through your own closets and donate items that you no longer need. Many of these shops even offer an in-store credit for donations, which can save you money during your shopping spree. You'll appreciate your new purchases even more if you made some extra room in your closet beforehand!

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Now, it's time to decide where to go on this date idea. Sites like *TheThriftShopper.com* can help you navigate and find stores near you to visit. You simply enter your zip code or city and search for the closest spots near you. Once you get your list, you can check out an array of information about the stores, including what type of clothes they currently have and their hours. As you browse their websites, maybe you'll be inspired to look for 80's gear for an upcoming party or try to find that perfect pair of jeans you've been wanting.

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Once you decide your destination, you can check out other spots nearby by downloading the mobile app, Yelp. After you work up an appetite from shopping, look for one-of-a-kind restaurants and check out their reviews. You never know what hole-in-the-wall spots could be to-die-for according to the locals.

**Have you ever gone thrift shopping with your cutie? Share your memories below!**

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## **Date Idea: Rain, Rain, Come Out and Play**





By Amanda Boyer and [Mara Miller](#)

Sure, it's tempting to snuggle up and stay in bed all day when April showers roll around. Instead of having a lazy, movie-filled afternoon, follow this [relationship advice](#): Grab your rain jacket and colorful rubber boots, and head outside with your loved one to have fun *without* the sun. You can take a stroll to your favorite coffee shop and then warm up with a hot chocolate.

## Check out this rainy day date idea!

To really embrace the rain, create a water park in your backyard. Put your bathing suit on, set-up a Slip N Slide, and turn those sprinklers on. If you don't have any water toys available, play an old-fashioned game of tag. During this weekend date idea, be careful not to slip on the wet grass and muddy ground! If you really want to get messy, add body paint to the equation and have a color war as the rain and sprinklers splash you and your beau. See who ends up with the most colors on their tie-dyed skin.

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If you prefer not to get so dirty, consider this love advice and go for a swim instead. Walk to your neighborhood pool, and take turns doing your craziest jumps off of the diving board. Pool & Spa Outdoors has a lot of games ideas that you can do with your honey as the rain comes down! Plus, the setting will be so romantic that you can't help but sneak in a smooch or two. Stay safe, and head back inside at the first sign of lightning or thunder.

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You can document your rainy day date by taking pictures. Newer iPhone and Android models are now waterproofed so you don't have to worry about ruining your phone. You can print out your favorite photo and frame it for your living room. It'll be a constant reminder of this fun-filled date – and the next time that you're faced with a rainy day, you won't even *want* to stay indoors!

**Cupid wants to know:** How do you and your honey embrace a rainy day? Share your comments below.

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## Date Idea: Build a Fort







By Amanda Boyer and [Mara Miller](#)

If it's too rainy for outdoor camping or if you're just not the nature-loving type, you can still enjoy a day in a fort, thanks to this weekend [date idea](#)! It's time to bring back some childhood memories and create an indoor hideaway for you and your honey.

## **Indulge in this date idea, and built a fort!**

First, make sure you have an area large enough to build your fort. Try the basement or family room and make sure there aren't huge pieces of furniture that may impede your progress. After all, you won't want to be crammed in a small space and be uncomfortable! If available, you could make your tent on a screened-in porch or patio for a little bit of fresh air.

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After you select your location for this date idea, gather the

items you need to build your hideaway. Using chairs and tables, you can create a sturdy base to structure your masterpiece around. For the cover of your fort, use sheets and blankets. Grab some chip clips from the kitchen to keep them secured to the chairs and tables. You may even need weights to hold them in place. Now, take a step back and admire your handy work!

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To continue following this dating advice, fill the inside with blankets and pillows. If there's enough room, add a blow-up mattress too. To give your secret spot a romantic feel, you can spray your favorite perfume and add some rose petals as a finishing touch. Stay away from candles, though, since your sheets could potentially fall at any time.

Finally, you need to grab the essentials to keep you entertained throughout the day: snacks, your iPad, a deck of cards, your favorite book, magazines, etc. Leave your phone in another room and just focus on your relationship. Enjoy bonding with your partner and relaxing in your new spot.

**Have you ever made a secret hideaway with your love? Share your relationship advice below!**

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## **Date Idea: Play All Day**





By Ann Luther and [Mara Miller](#)

This weekend, get outside and romp around! Embrace the simple pleasures of childhood with your partner by spending this date idea outside, playing all the games you used to enjoy when you were a kid. Enjoy the weather and your relationship and love with this easy, fun, and cheap date al fresco.

## **Embrace Your Inner Kid to Improve Your Relationship and Love with this Date Idea**

There are a ton of childhood games that can be just as entertaining for adults when we play them with our significant others. Grab a basketball, head to a local court, and play a game of Horse. Try to create and match wild shots; shoot it from around the back, through your legs, or maybe from half-court with your eyes closed. The loser can buy Slurpees later.

Don't leave the blacktop before you draw out an insane pattern

for Hopscotch in chalk. Throw a pebble and see how balanced and agile your partner really is. You'll both be sure to get a laugh out of each game. The silly fun on this weekend date idea may be exactly what you need after a long week at work.

On your walk to get your Slurpee reward, speed it up with some Tag. You can run through yards, weave through buildings, and dash across parking lots. When you're out of breath, you'll have the consolation prize of being caught up in your favorite person's arms. You will, however, be It. Thanks to this expert [relationship advice](#) and all of that mad running around, you might discover places in your town you never knew existed, places you can go back to for your next date.

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When evening hits and you're back at home, you can pull out some speakers and dance in the cool, spring air. Move and shake as the sun sets, and then slow it down for a romantic song or two. When it's finally dark, it's time for some old-fashioned Marco Polo. You don't need a pool to play this game. Under the cover of night, with your eyes closed, call out and feel around for your beau.

You don't always need to behave like an adult to be in an adult relationship and love. Mixing it up with some kiddish antics can be just the kind of fun you're looking for, if only for this weekend.

**Have you played around on an outdoor date? Share your stories below.**

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# Date Idea: Garage Sale



By Ann Luther and [Mara Miller](#)

This weekend, embrace the traditional activity of spring cleaning and host a garage sale together. For this date idea, advertise throughout your community to get rid of all of the clutter in your homes to make way for the new memories you'll create together. Throwing away, giving away, or selling the items that made up your past says to your partner that you're ready for your future as a couple. It's tough to let go, but you're not using all that old stuff for a reason and if this task seems impossible, you can always hire a [home cleaning service](#) to help!



# Do Some Spring Cleaning With This Weekend Date Idea

Cleaning out your closet can be fun too! Put on a fashion show before you get rid of out of date clothing. You and your beau can laugh at all of those oh-so-wrong statements you made. You can also give your partner a look into the life you lived before you met him, which is another special thing to share.

If you're thinking of moving in together, follow this [expert dating advice](#): Make a list of all the essentials you both have at your respective residences. You won't need two things like vacuums, brooms, dust pans, dish drying racks, tool boxes, shower curtains, and sets of pots and pans. Keep the best of everything (just like you do in your relationship!), be rid of the rest, and make enough money to go to a fancy restaurant after the garage sale is over.

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This weekend date idea allows you to soak up the magnificent weather by getting out and plastering your town with flyers about your garage sale. You might make a competition out of it: See who can post flyers down either side of the block faster. Post a picture of the winner and the flyer on social media to advertise your sale and to show off your happy relationship to your friends and family. To further your sale's exposure, Garagesalestracker.com is a great forum to inform the surrounding areas that you'll be open for business.

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On the afternoon of the sale, bring out some speakers and a bottle of wine to make the long day more bearable. The fun atmosphere will bring more people to your lawn, and you can dance with your man in between transactions. Whatever you

don't sell, you can donate to Goodwill, The Salvation Army, or another charitable organization. Thanks to this love advice, when the day is done, you'll have more space, more money, and more fun memories.

**Have you ever gotten rid of junk to make space for your partner? Share your stories below.**

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## Date Idea: Bookworms



By Ann Luther and [Mara Miller](#)

This weekend, get lost in the romantic words of others and embrace the tender sentiments of the great writers with your

great relationship and love. With this date idea, you and your partner can get out and explore your favorite authors, your city, and your passion for one another.

## Enjoy Books About Love With This Literary Date Idea

Take a walk to your local bookstore with your beau, a stack of Post-it notes, and a pen. Write notes of love, encouragement, or dating advice until your hands cramp up. While you're writing, exchange ideas with each other – you might learn something new about your man's perspective on adoration. Then, hide these notes in your favorite books about love for a future reader to find later. You might even sneak into the teen section of the store and place them in books for the next generation of lovers.

While the pair of you are scanning the rows, try to find a romantic novel that neither of you has read yet. A few of the best so far in 2019 include: *Meet Cute* by Helena Hunting, *Verity* by Colleen Hoover, and *The Kiss Thief* by L.J. Shen. This will keep the date going long after the day is done. You might buy one copy and read it to each other, or you can buy two copies to read separately with the other person in mind. Whichever you choose, you'll have something new to talk about and share.

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Few things go better with reading than coffee. Delocator.net is a fabulously easy way to find independently owned and run businesses in your area. Once you've settled into your seats in an intimate coffee shop, pull out a book of sweet love poems. Grab your darling's hand and read those poems aloud. Your honey will love to hear all of those romantic notions straight from your lips! You can

check this list of the top 10 love poem books before you go and choose a few that speak to you.

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If you'd prefer to stay in, you don't have to leave the comfort of your home for this date idea! You can make a pot of coffee or tea, and while it brews, hide love notes in every room for your partner to find. Then, the two of you can cuddle up on the couch with your mugs and poems and start the readings. It would be a perfect way to heat up a rainy day.

Sometimes, we get too afraid to let all of the emotion in the books we read to take over our own relationships and love. This weekend, let go of all apprehension and have fun with romance!

**Have you ever been on a bookstore date? Share your stories below.**