

Revitalize Friendship & Romance in Marriage

101 Creative Date Ideas

Working on building the friendship and fun factor in your marriage isn't difficult. It just takes some intentional focus and the choice to make dating your spouse a priority in your schedule. Obviously dates can be as elaborate (and costly) or simple (and inexpensive) as you desire to make them. The important thing is to plan a date that you think both spouses will enjoy (or at least try!). The good news is that everyone can do this. Here are 101 creative dating ideas to get your brainstorming started.



Outdoor/Active Dates ↓ denotes an inexpensive date idea

- 1. Ride bikes**
A fun date and good exercise too! Be sure to stick together. Think about trying a bicycle built for two.
- ↓ **2. Go to the beach or a lake**
Great choice for a quick getaway.
- 3. Ice skate**
The ice may be cold, but some hot chocolate or cider afterwards will warm your hearts.
- 4. Go canoeing or kayaking**
Get some instruction first...but this can be a peaceful way to hang out together.
- 5. Play tennis**
Who says you're too old to keep "courting"?
- 6. Play racquetball, handball, or squash**
Good aerobic exercise. Talk between points...if you can.
- ↓ **7. Go hiking**
Nature and romance—What's not to like?
- 8. Go sailing**
Good chance to get away with just the two of you.
- 9. Go to the botanical garden**
Take a camera and a tripod for exotic pictures just the two of you.
- 10. Play miniature golf**
Mini-golf takes no skill and is a great equalizer.
- 11. Play croquet**
Easy to set up at home, at school, or at a park. A great way to enjoy a sunny day together.
- 12. Go bowling**
You can find a bowling alley almost anywhere you live.
- 13. Hit golf balls at a driving range**
For more romance, snuggle up to help your spouse with their swing!
- ↓ **14. Gardening**
Even gardening at home can turn into a date when you work together.

Outdoor/Active Dates Continued



↓15. Jog

Enjoy just being with each other. Take the time to talk as you cool down.

16. Snowboarding

Find out how cozy a half-pipe can be!

↓17. Explore an unfamiliar nearby town

Adventure awaits as you try visiting someplace new together.

18. Handcrafts

Take on a new project with your spouse.

↓19. Watch a sunset

Isn't dating your spouse why God made sunsets in the first place?

20. Go geocaching

Find a hidden treasure together using a handheld GPS unit. Since you'll have the GPS with you, husbands don't have to lose face by carrying a map!

↓21. Build a snowman

A time-honored tradition for lovers everywhere (at least in cold weather climates!)

22. Take a fun class together

Agree on taking a class where you can both learn something new and enjoy being study partners together.

↓23. Toss a Frisbee

An old stand-by, but oh, so easy to do.

24. Take an exercise class together

Keep your heart tuned up.

↓25. Star-gazing

A blanket and stars... who could ask for more?

26. Go camping

Get into the great outdoors. It's a great chance to talk..

↓27. Go on a picnic

Find a picturesque, quiet spot together. Watch out for ants!

↓28. Take a walk near your home

Always a good option for time to get some exercise and talk.

↓29. Pillow fight

When was the last time you tried this? The key is avoid being too aggressive!

30. Inline skating

Covers more territory than walking and provides more exercise too!

↓31. Go swimming

Great way to cool off and get some exercise.

32. Play badminton

Who says this is a game for the timid and non-athletic? Just play nice.

Outdoor/Active Dates Continued

33. Go horseback riding

A fun way to get outdoors without too much activity required.

34. Go rock climbing

For those of you who like to push the envelope with your partner, this could be just the thing.

↓**35. Fly kites**

All you need is a little wind, some string, a kite, and you're set—relaxation and romance all in one.

36. Go fishing

Never thought this was romantic? Try teaching your spouse to cast.

37. Go golfing

A good way to spend a day outdoors.

38. Go waterskiing

A great way to impress your spouse, or have quite a laugh... you choose.

39. Hit baseballs at a batting cage

Everyone loves to hear the words, "Play ball!"

40. Play ping-pong

A little competition never hurt anyone. Remember, we use the word "little".

41. Ride a ferry

Enjoy the sights together out on the open water.

42. Snow Skiing / X-Country / Snowshoeing

What could be better than a day on the snow and an evening by the fire afterward?

↓**43. Go for a drive**

Map? Who needs a map?

44. Campout in your own backyard

All of the fun of regular camping in the comfort and safety of your own home.

45. Refinish furniture

A good way to spend time together while adding new life to old furnishings.

↓**46. Watch a sunrise**

Sunrises can be just as romantic as sunsets.

↓**47. Catch fire flies at dusk**

Relive those childhood memories.

↓**48. Go tubing on a nearby river**

Economy water adventure for two!

49. Ride motorcycles

There's nothing like the smell of gasoline and dirt together.

↓**50. Wash your cars**

Water fights are fair game!

↓**51. Snowball fight**

Play fair. Enjoy some hot chocolate or cider afterward.

↓ **52. Feed the ducks**

You knew there had to be some use for those leftover end pieces of the bread loaf, didn't you?

53. Visit a wildlife sanctuary

A refresher course on the birds and the bees.

↓ **54. Go fruit or berry picking**

Relaxing—just don't eat all your hard work as you go!

Spectator Dates

55. Attend a play

Debrief with a dessert afterward.

56. Watch 'em ride at the rodeo

Pray for the riders.

↓ **57. Enjoy a party with friends**

A chance to hang out with friends and your spouse too.

58. Go to a sporting event

Good excuse to sit together for a few hours.

↓ **59. Watch hang gliders**

You may want to bring some reclining lawn chairs for this one—sore necks are not romantic.

↓ **60. Go bird-watching**

See how many different birds you can identify.

61. Go to a concert

Get out of the house, spend time with your spouse, and enjoy some music. Not bad for one date!

62. Watch the fireworks

You may end up having a grand finale when you get home.

↓ **63. People-watch at a shopping mall**

Catch up on all the latest fashions (or lack thereof).

↓ **64. Watch surfing, windsurfing**

Enjoy the cool breeze while you're at it!

Food-Focused Dates

65. Go out to dinner

It doesn't have to be expensive to have a great time with your spouse.

↓ **66. Go out for dessert**

Give up counting calories for a few hours.

67. Meet for lunch

Often overlooked, this can be a fun way to connect with your spouse midday.



Food-Focused Dates Continued

↓**68. Cook a special meal for the two of you**

Change up some of the traditional roles and enjoy the prep, the meal, and the clean up together.

69. Go out for breakfast

A great way to start a day together!

↓**70. Go out for ice-cream**

Affordable and oh so good!

↓**71. Go to a chocolate outlet**

Twice a year is healthier!!!

↓**72. Bake cookies**

No experience required. See how your spouse looks with a dusting of flour on them!

↓**73. Cook dinner for your parents**

Score points with the parents and experience the fun of team-cooking.

↓**74. Barbecue**

An old stand-by. Try grilling your veggie meats.

Indoors Dates

↓**75. Put together a jigsaw puzzle**

A good excuse for spending an evening together with the television off.

↓**76. Watch a romantic comedy**

Kiss every time you have a laugh!

↓**77. Listen to music**

Kick back, relax and enjoy some tunes.

↓**78. Attend church functions**

You might just want to stay away from the potluck—"Exactly what is that?"

↓**79. Go shopping together**

Whether you buy something or just try on everything in sight, this can be more fun than you would imagine.

↓**80. Play board games**

Learn a new game or take a trip down memory lane with the board games you played as kids.

↓**81. Play card games**

Another way to pass the time together.

↓**82. Attend a Bible Study**

A study on the Song of Solomon anyone?

↓**83. Creative writing (poems, short stories)**

Try writing a love poem to your spouse.

↓**84. Give each other massages**

Get the stress out!



“Places to Go” Dates



↓85. Mountains

There truly is nothing like the natural smell of evergreen trees.

86. Museums

There are some amazing things to discover here—just be sure not to touch anything, okay?

87. The circus

I think everyone at one time wanted to run away with the circus. It still looks like so much fun.

88. County fairs

Food, music, crafts, and the largest pumpkin you’ve ever seen. What’s not to like about the fair?

89. Aquarium

Isn’t it nice to have that piece of glass between you and the sharks?

↓90. Shopping mall

Whether you are buying or people watching, the mall is a fascinating place.

91. Overnight or weekend away

Always a winner! “Kids? What kids? We have kids!” (when possible start with an spa for couples)

↓92. Garage/estate sales

One person’s junk is another’s treasure!

↓93. Factory tours

Do they let you take those hats home?

94. Historical sites, tours, walking tours

Get in touch with the past as you talk about the future with your spouse.

95. The zoo

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!

96. An observatory

What’s more romantic than looking into the stars with someone who sends you into orbit?

↓97. Parks

Larger than your backyard and filled with all kinds of options for fun.

98. Art gallery

I don’t know about you, but I can’t even draw good stick figures. This stuff is amazing.

↓99. Public gardens

A slow stroll through the flowers does wonders for the soul.

100. The pier

Nothing like holding hands with the breeze on your face and why not feed the seagulls?

101. Auctions

Just don’t try and see how much money you can get for your spouse.

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