

Seven Inexpensive *Dates*

Strong marriages make for strong families, which make for strong neighborhoods, which make for strong communities. But to build a strong marriage, you need time to just be together. So here are seven simple ideas of how you can get a fun date right here in the Cedar Valley without breaking the bank.

#1. The “Drive-In” Theater

Rather than drive your car to a movie, why not bring the movie to your car? Rig up a TV in the garage, hook up a bluetooth speaker on your dash, pop some popcorn, and enjoy a “drive-in” theater out of the elements.

Cost: **Free** (assuming you already have a TV, speakers, car, and garage)

#2. Take Me Out to the Sports-game

If you like sports, take in a Waterloo Bucks game during the summer and/or a Waterloo Blackhawks hockey game in the winter.

Cost: **\$25-35** (assuming you don't get anything at the concession stand)

#3. Go Biking on the Rail Trail

Start by the East Kwik Star on Bremer Ave. From there, it's only 9 miles to Denver (and *The Sweet Spot* ice cream shoppe!). If the Rail Trail is too flat and straight for your tastes, head down to the Ingawanis Woodland recreation area southeast of Waverly.

Cost: **Free** (assuming you have a bike). **\$10** if you get ice cream at *The Sweet Spot*.

#4. “Dress Up” Candlelight Dinner

Purchase the silliest wardrobe you can find from *Trinkets & Togs* or *Goodwill* for under \$10. Then enjoy a candlelight dinner at home!

Cost: **\$20** (plus the cost of candles and food)

#5. Go Fly a Kite

If you have a windy day, go to Walmart and buy a kids' kite for each of you. Then head to the soccer complex on 8th St. SE in Waverly for a nice open field to fly your new toys!

Cost: **\$15**

#6. Travel the World for “Free”

Head to *Barnes & Noble* in Waterloo and find the Travel section. Over dessert, take your dream trip vicariously through photo books.

Cost: **\$15** (gas to Waterloo and dessert)

#7. Concerts in Kohlmann

Grab a blanket or lawn chairs and head down to Kohlmann Park to enjoy the Waverly Municipal Band any Thursday night of June and July.

Cost: **Free** (including the popcorn and lemonade!)

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