

For those of you who have not planned a special date for your loved one and need some last minute ideas, you checked the right place! Here are some perfect ideas for a low-pressure date that is both romantic and easy.



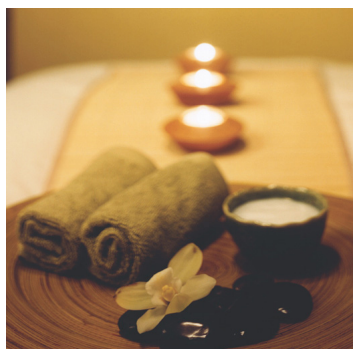
Picnic Under the Stars

Believe it or not, a nice planned picnic can be just as romantic as a dinner date out. Make gourmet sandwiches, bring a blanket, and some chocolate covered strawberries for dessert and the date is ready. An evening picnic under the stars allows for some snuggly stargazing after the meal. Sabino Canyon, Mount Lemmon, Reid Park, or even a local park can make for a romantic evening.



Romantic Night In

Search the Food Network website for an easy but yummy recipe and get cooking. Turn the lights out and line the table with candles. Dim lighting will add a romantic ambience and will distinguish the date from a normal dinner in. Run a bath for your partner after work or have fresh flowers on the table for an extra edge. Renting a romantic movie and snuggling up after dinner will add intimacy and effortlessness to your date night in.



Surprise Massage

So if all else fails and you are last minute scrambling for Valentine's Day ideas, grab your lotions and oils and set up a massage. Light candles, make the bed, and turn the lights out. Have lotions handy and give your loved one a romantic massage to relieve their stress. Your partner is sure to appreciate the extra effort and planning ahead.



Cruise a Bookstore

Grab a coffee or frozen yogurt and go to a local bookstore. Challenge each other to search through books and find the most romantic titles, stories, quotes, or poems. Find passages in the books that describe how you feel about each other and then share. This is a completely free date (minus the coffee) that will help give you the words to describe how you feel about one another.



Batter Up

For the athletic type, a night at the local batting cages can be a real "hit." Funtasticks is the perfect place for such a date. Expand the date with

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a game of mini golf, around the world basketball at a nearby park, laser tag, or bowling. Athletic dates with a lot of energy can amp up the flirtation and friendly competition between you and your partner.