

7 CHEAP DATE NIGHTS

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 **super-inexpensive date** right here in the Cedar Valley.

#1. The Free "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 some speakers up 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, and a garage)

#2. Take Me Out to the Ballgame

If you like sports, why not take in a Waterloo Bucks game during the summer months? Tickets are just \$5 for general admission.

Cost: **\$10** (assuming you don't get anything at the concession stand)

#3. Go Biking on the Rail Trail

Start by the East Kwik Star in Waverly. From there, it's only 9 miles to Denver. If the Rail Trail is too flat and straight for your tastes, then head down to the Ingawanis Woodland recreation area southeast of Waverly.

Cost: **Free** (assuming you have a bike)

#4. "Dress Up" for a Candlelight Dinner

Purchase the silliest wardrobe you can find from Trinkets & Togs or Goodwill for under \$5. Then enjoy a candlelight dinner at home!

Cost: **\$10** (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: **\$8**

#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: **\$9** (gas to Waterloo and dessert)

#7. Concerts in Kohlmann

Grab a blanket, pack a picnic basket, and go enjoy the Waverly Municipal Band in Kohlmann Park any Thursday night of the summer.

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

