

FIVE GREAT FALL DATES

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It's that time of year again. The leaves are changing colors; the air is crisp, and another season is upon us. Fall is a beautiful time of year full of amazing opportunities for great dates. Most people probably don't realize it, but when the seasons change, so do your dating options. The first thing to remember is to be creative. Think beyond the normal date night of going to a movie or out for supper. Why not plan an afternoon, evening or day of enjoying what nature has to offer at little to no cost? Another neat aspect of these dating opportunities is that if you're dating someone with kids, your plans can easily be altered to include them. You'll be sure to win brownie points for this.

Drive in the country



Be sure to plan a drive in the country. There are so many things to see and enjoy. Knowing a little about the scenic byways in your area can be well worth the small investment of time required to study up. Don't forget to check out neat little roadside shops along the way. Paying close attention while you hand hold through the shops will give you a good idea of what your date likes. To break up the drive, Bed and Breakfast inns often

offer a great lunch menu and a romantic atmosphere.

Walk in the woods



Find a city or state park and plan a walk, bike ride or hike. Most parks have paved or cleared trails along some of their most beautiful areas. You may even consider packing a picnic lunch. A delicious picnic lunch might include some of his/her favorite foods and wine. Don't forget to bring a blanket. You'd hate to snuggle your date on the cool ground.

Carving a Pumpkin



Don't forget a trip to a pumpkin farm to pick out the perfect pumpkin for your date. Think of the fun you'll have when you head home to carve it. Some pumpkin farms even have romantic opportunities such as corn mazes or hay rides. There's just something special about cozying up to your date on a hay bale.

A Stroll in the Orchard



Take your date to a local apple orchard to pick his/her favorite variety of apples. Then head home to make a delicious apple pie or other dessert. Sometimes when you have a task like peeling apples, your mind isn't as nervous if your hands are busy. This can set the stage for a great conversation with the by-product being an awesome night time snack.

Camp Fire



Invite your date over for a campfire supper. There are a ton of great ideas for campfire meals. They range from as simple as hot dogs or grilled cheese to as elaborate as a full meal in tin foil. Don't forget to top your meal off with the perfect combination of wishes and kisses. Take time to sit back, look at the stars and enjoy a few perfectly roasted marshmallow or toasty mug of hot chocolate. You might just ignite a fire.