

Cheap Dates **RU**s

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By popular demand, **The Flyer** is bringing back "Cheap Dates **RU**s" on an occasional basis. Given the tight economy, it's more important than ever to figure out how to have a good time without spending a lot of money.

One horse open sleigh

The Greene offers carriage rides throughout the streets of The Greene. Pickup and dropoff is located on the south side of the Town Square on Glengarry Drive. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Carriage rides are offered on Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 10 p.m. or Sundays from 4 to 8 p.m. through Dec. 23.

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This could be a 'cool' date

The Kettering Ice Arena at the Kettering Rec Center offers open skating to all ages on Fridays from 3 to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 to 10 p.m. For youth (3-17) the cost is \$3 for residents and \$6 for non-residents. Ice skate rental is an additional \$2.

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Snowflakes keep falling on my head

A pleasant stroll through a local park with your loved one is a perfect and inexpensive way to spend the afternoon. Five Rivers Metro Park has several locations throughout the Dayton area. Some examples include Cox Arboretum, Hills and Dales, and Riverscape.

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Getting Lots of Dough

Prepare with raw ingredients or use pre-packaged sugar cookie mix to bake a delicious, warm batch of cookies that you and your date can adorn with icing and festive sprinkles. Cost: \$10-\$15.

Woodland Lights

Take a journey along the half-mile wooded path to experience the nostalgia of holiday light displays. Woodland Lights is located next to the Washington Township Rec Center. Admission is \$6, which includes the lighted hike, carriage rides, and visits with Santa.

Two Thumbs Up

Couples can select their favorite holiday movie to watch for a wonderful night in. Favorites include: *Elf*, *A Christmas Story*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *Polar Express*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, or any other holiday favorite. Cost: less than \$5 to rent a film.