Dayton.com Date Night Ideas:

**5/7/14**

Sometimes, the best date nights include dinner and a movie, with a few drinks afterwards.

This date starts by taking in a limited-release comedy at [The Neon](http://neonmovies.com/). ["The D Train"](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PzB1Feeocw) stars Jack Black and James Marsden. Black plays Dan Landsman who has never been the cool guy, but is looking to change his luck if he can get Oliver Lawless (Marsden), the most popular guy from his high school who's now a spokesperson for a national Banana Boat ad campaign, to show up with him to their class reunion.

**SHOWTIMES: Fri & Sat (May 8 & 9)** 12:40, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45, **Sun (May 10)** 12:40, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30

After the movie, head on over to [Wheat Penny Oven and Bar](http://www.wheatpennydayton.com/index.html) (only 1/2 mile from The Neon) and dine on California-style pizzas from 5-10 p.m.

Then, to cap off the night, take your pick from 20 draft beers, including recently released Tres Carnales from nearby [Warped Wing Brewery](http://www.warpedwing.com/).

**#2 Art Explosion**

The weather might be a little uncertain this weekend, but there's no shortage of live art exhibits, activities and gallery openings around Dayton.

[Friday's Art in the City](http://www.dayton.com/what-to-do/5-reasons-go-to-art-in-the-city/) includes a large group of events including [Pickin in the Park](http://www.dayton.com/news/events/riverscape-metropark-hosting-food-music-even/nmBRn/) on Friday, from 5-10 p.m. at Riverscape Metropark. There's live blues music, food trucks and craft beer aplenty at this event.

Sideshow X begins two nights of art, comedy, two stages of live music, food and more at the [Yellow Cab Building at 700 E. 4th St](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Yellow+Cab+Tavern/@39.758917,-84.181558,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x884083fc1ed18f3d:0x3342f88bfc7b2b24), beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday. Be sure to read up on the[5 reasons to check out Sideshow X](http://www.dayton.com/what-to-do/sideshow-x/) before you head over.

In addition to these events, there will be pop-up galleries, storm drain murals and the[Street Art Throwdown & Steam Punk Art Show](https://www.facebook.com/events/369380819915422/) going on at the same time.

**#3 Bounce and Brews**

If you're looking for more active date night plans, head on over to [Sky Zone](http://www.skyzone.com/dayton/Home.aspx) in Centerville. If you're unfamiliar with Sky Zone's concept, it's a massive indoor trampoline park that caters to both kids and adults.

Hours are 4-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday.

Ticket prices range from $12 for a 30-minute jump to $22 for a 120-minute jump.

It's important to note that Sky Zone limits its hourly capacity, so the company encourages bouncers to[buy their tickets online in advance](http://daytonstore.skyzone.com/) to secure their spot and time.

After you've literally bounced off the walls at Sky Zone, replenish your energy at [Pour Haus Tavern](http://pourhaus.com/). There's more than 25 beers on tap, including local and national brews.

**5/14/15**

**#1 Bike for a Bite**

Dayton's Link bike sharing program is in full swing, and if you haven't taken a ride, there's no better time than this weekend to take one of those iconic green bikes for a spin with that special someone of yours.

The best part is, it's an affordable and convient mode of transportation around downtown Dayton -- a 24-hour pass will only set you back $5!

[**>> 8 facts about Dayton's new bike share program**](http://www.dayton.com/news/news/local/8-facts-about-daytons-new-bike-share-program/nkzCf/)

All that riding around will probably make you hungry, so swing on over to one of many dining choices on Brown Street, including Dewey's Pizza, Fusian and Hickory Bar-B-Q for dinner.

Finish off the evening by heading south to Ben and Jerry's for the perfect end to an evening: ice cream.

**#2 Music and Art in the Park**

All-inclusive festivals are one of the many things Dayton does best and this Friday is no exception.

Big Brews and Blues will takeover Riverscape Metropark Friday, 6-9 p.m.

[**>> 4 reasons to go to Big Brews and Blues**](http://www.dayton.com/news/events/4-reasons-to-go-to-big-brews-and-blues/nmGBZ/)

[Tickets are $30 in advance](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6th-annual-big-brews-blues-for-diabetes-tickets-15805167682) (you still have a little time, but you better hurry) and $40 at the gate.

Keep in mind, your ticket does more than get you into the festival. You'll get a commerative sampling glass that you can use to taste up 12 different brews.

And if you're looking for something to eat, you'll have five different food vendors to choose from.

Check out [BigBluesandBlues.com](http://www.bigbrewsandblues.com/) to purchase tickets and for more info.

**3.) Paint Your Palate - Friday, May 15**If there's an inner artist in you that enjoys sipping wine or a mixed drink while you color your canvas, we have the event for you!

Start by enjoying a plate of AMAZING barbeque at [City Barbeque](http://www.citybbq.com/) at 5 E Franklin St, in Centerville. We recommend the pulled pork or brisket, but it's hard to go wrong with anything on this menu.

After dinner, head over to [Raise Your Brush](http://raiseyourbrush.com/) (less than 1/2 mile away) for an evening of laid-back artsy fun. Friday's session is "Dayton Skyline" -- a starry, moonlit silhouette view of downtown Dayton. Tickets are $35 for the session and [must be purchased in advance](http://raiseyourbrush.com/product/dayton-skyline-51515/).

If you've never participated in a Raise Your Brush group painting session, you're in for a treat. Instructors guide you through the painting step-by-step. Aprons and supplies are included in the cost.

Still not sure what to expect? Here are [**5 emotions you'll experience at a Raise Your Brush event**](http://www.dayton.com/news/lifestyles/5-emotions-youll-experience-while-painting-raise-y/nkznL/)**.**

Though you're not allowed to BYOB, the bar is stocked with beers and wine, including pinot noir, cabernet, pinot grigio, chardonnay, Riesling and moscato.

**5/21/15**

**1.) Have a heck of a time at Dayton Heritage Festival (Sunday, May 24, rain date Monday, May 25)**

Dayton festivals are a one-stop shop for food, drink and entertainment.

This weekend at Dayton History's Heritage Festival, a skydiving show, live music, a Kids Fun Zone, historical exhibits and of course, plenty of food and drink options will all be available at the event.

[**>> 5 reasons to go to Dayton History's Heritage Festival**](http://www.dayton.com/news/events/5-reasons-to-go-to-dayton-historys-heritage-festiv/nmHMd/)

The Heritage Festival is a fun way to get outdoors, learn about Dayton history and grab a bite to eat, all in one place.

Tickets are $8 for adults, $7 for seniors (55+), $5 for children (3-17), free to Dayton History members and children under age 3. $5 for All Active Military, Retirees, Veterans, and Reservists with valid I.D.

**2.) Soak in Dayton history (anytime)**

The Heritage Festival might be a once-a-year event, but you can learn about the Gem City's rich history throughout the year, as well.

Head over to Carillon Brewing Co. to experience a pint of history that dates back to the 1850s. The brewery has food service from 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. and draws from [an extensive menu](http://www.carillonbrewingco.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Menu.pdf) that offers soups, salads, entrees and of course beer and wine.

You can also tour the many buildings at Carillon Historical Park. Walk through the William Morris House, the gristmill, Lock 17 from the Miami and Erie Canal, the Barney and Smith Car 100 in the James F. Dickie Family Transportation Center and more.

**3.) Namaste (anytime)**

If you and your significant other are in the mood for something more low key, try a yoga class together.

[Practice Yoga](http://practiceyogadayton.com/web/), 504 E. 5th St. in Dayton’s Oregon Arts District, offers $13 one-time drop-in classes for non-members.

Yoga is an excellent way to improve your balance and flexibility, while meeting new people and remaining active.

After a good sweat, you'll be within walking distance to any number of Oregon District restaurants. For a healthier and locally-sourced option, try [Olive, an urban dive](http://www.olivedive.com/), from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. every day except Sunday.

**4.) Running of the Dogs (Saturday, May 23)**

A 5K Run or 1-mile walk are some of the best low-pressure ways to feed your competitive spirit, and a run/walk event that involves your canine friend is even better.

There is still time to register for the [24th annual Furry Skurry 5K walk/run](https://www.hsdayton.org/events/events-calendar/furry-skurry.html) on Saturday, May 23 at Eastwood MetroPark.

[**>> 10 reasons to go to Furry Skurry**](http://www.dayton.com/news/events/10-reasons-to-go-to-furry-skurry/nmK3R/)

There will be food trucks, awards for best costumes, a parade of adoptable animals, a 50/50 raffle and more.

You can register as individuals and with or without a dog, but obviously this event would be more fun with a furry friend alongside you.

**5/27**

**1. Gamer’s Grand Night Out (anytime)**  
Whether you’re a budding 20-something or were born during the days of Atari, you’re never too old for video games. And at [Scene 75](http://www.scene75.com/), you can be a kid all over again.

Scene 75 is a gamer’s heaven, featuring more 120 arcade games, laser tag, mini bowling, indoor go-karts, bumper cars, a 4-D motion theater and more.

And when your hunger or thirst strikes after running around shooting lasers or a back-and-forth round of air hockey, head over to [Scene 75 Bar & Grill](https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=http%3A%2F%2Fscene75.com%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2014%2F01%2FScene75-Bar-Grill-Menu.pdf) and sample from a menu of burgers, wraps, pizzas, appetizers and salads. Or cool off with a 22-ounce beer at [The Center Bar](https://www.beermenus.com/places/15147-scene75-bar-and-grill).

The mega entertainment complex is open Wednesday 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Thursday, 11 a.m.- 11 p.m., Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-1 a.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Oh, and be sure to check out [Dayton.com contributor Lauren Rinehart's blog about HER awesome Scene 75 date night](http://www.girlabouttowndayton.com/scene-75-date-night/)!

**2. Plan the Perfect Picnic (anytime)**  
Ohio's weather can be, in a word, unpredictable.

But on the days when the clouds clear and the sun shines, there's no better time than to head outdoors with a blanket and picnic basket in tow.

And the best part is a picnic doesn't need to be anything fancy. Just pack your favorite food, something cold to drink, a blanket to lay on and you're good to go!

We make picnics easy -- just check out our [handy guide for the best food to bring and best spots to go in Dayton](http://www.dayton.com/news/lifestyles/plan-the-perfect-picnic-in-dayton-where-to-go-what/nkxSp/).

**3. Make a Night of Mini Golf (anytime)**  
Though sports activities don't always translate to date night ideas, mini golf is a fun way to spend an evening. It's less about the score and more about avoiding those crazy water hazards or knocking your ball through a building or down a slide.

[The Englewood Fun Center](http://englewoodfuncenter.com/attractions/outdoor-miniature-golf) has a challenging outdoor course that features lush, well-manicured greens. The course features a tropical theme, complete with glow in the dark palm trees, Hawaiian leis, a tiki-hut sales center, a cascading waterfall and two ponds. At $6 per person (12 years or older), it's a great bargain.

Afterwards, head over to [TJ Chumps](http://www.tjchumps.com/) (right next door) and share a basket of wings, or try one of their burger baskets, sandwiches or pizzas. (Hint: The Meaty Chump Pizza is where it's at!)

4. **You and Yours in Yellow Springs (anytime)**  
Yellow Springs is one of Ohio's most unique cities, and its natural landmarks make it a must-see destination for outdoor adventurists.

The Glen Helen nature preserve encompasses over 1,000 acres of woods, streams, trees, plants and wildlife and is the perfect place to spend an afternoon exploring the wilderness with your date.

Be sure to check the park's [events calendar](http://glen.antiochcollege.org/assets/files/glen_calendar/GlenHelen-Winter2014-15Calendar-Web.pdf) for special attractions or simply traverse the trails on your own. You also don't want to miss these [5 things you must do in Yellow Springs](http://www.dayton.com/what-to-do/must-do-yellow-springs/)**.**

After your hike, head into town and dine at one of the village's many restaurants. [Ha-Ha Pizza](http://www.hahapizza.com/) and [Winds Cafe](http://www.windscafe.com/) are two of the more well-known establishments, but be sure to check out [Peaches Bar and Grill](http://www.peachsgrill.com/) and [Ye Olde Trail Tavern](http://thetrailtavern.com/), too.

**6/4**

**1. A Strawberry Field Day (Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7)**

Of all the weekend festivals throughout the year in Dayton, the Troy Strawberry Festival might be the only one that will literally having you seeing red the entire time.

The best part of the Strawberry Festival is that even if you're not a huge fan of the popular fruit, there's more than two full days worth of food, entertainment and activities.

While there, you can browse high quality art and craft booths, sample from food booths that offer everything from strawberry salsa, chocolate covered strawberries, strawberry cheesecake, and of course the famous strawberry donuts!

[**>> 18 strawberry treats to try at Troy Strawberry Festival**](http://www.dayton.com/news/events/festivals/18-strawberry-treats-to-try-at-troy-strawberry-fes/nmS34/)

[**>> 4 reasons to visit Troy (other than the Strawberry Festival)**](http://www.dayton.com/news/places/4-reasons-visit-troy-other-strawberry-festival/nmSPM/)

The festival offers great family entertainment, two stages of free entertainment, free shuttle service and free admission.

A full list of activities and goings-on, including events schedule and a list of food vendors, can be found at the [Troy Strawberry Festival website](https://gostrawberries.com/event-vendor-forms/events/).

**2. A Bowl Full of Light and Sound (Fridays and Saturdays)**

There's standard bowling, then there's Cosmic Bowling.

Every weekend, Pla-Mor Lanes in Dayton takes the traditional 10-pin game we've all come to know and love and delivers an "unmatched cosmic bowling light, sound and audio spectacular" experience.

Cost for cosmic bowling is $12.95 per person on Fridays and $14.95 per person on Saturdays.

Whether sharing a lane with another couple or crushing pins as a lone pair, bowling is laid-back fun activity that's much more than an observational sport.

And if all the action of cosmic bowling makes you work up an appetite, head over to [Bob-O's Cafe](http://daytonbowling.com/PDF/PM-Food%20Menu%207.7.13.pdf) for sandwiches, pizzas, calzones and more.

Visit [**DaytonBowling.com**](http://daytonbowling.com/) for more info.

**3. Come for the Comedy, Stay for the Food and Drinks (anytime)**

If you love to laugh, indulge in delicious drinks and don't mind being publicly ridiculed for the sake of comedy, then the Dayton Funny Bone is place for you.

The comedy club always has a hilarious rotation of local and nationally-known acts taking the stage at The Greene Towne Center. And if you're looking for more than just standard bar fare to satisfy your palette throughout the evening, you'll have more than enough choices with the Funny Bone's menu.

Choose from salads, appetizers, burgers, sandwiches and full-size entrees, including salmon, steak and an excellent plate of cilantro shrimp tacos.

Don't forget about the drink menu either. The club has a long list of signature drinks, including the Red Dawn (rum, strawberry schnapps, amaretto, sour, Sprite and cranberry juice), the Mango Tango (Malibu Mango, White Rum, Pineapple and Amaretto) or the 3 Mile Island (a Long Island with melon-flavored liquer).

This week's act (June 4-7) is Tone Bell, who has made his name on such shows as the NBC multi-camera comedy "Whitney" as RJ, Alex's (Chris D'Elia) old high school friend who has moved back to Chicago to bartend after a recent divorce.

Tickets for this week's show cost $10 on Thursday and Sunday, $15 on Friday and Saturday and $40 on all four days for the dinner package.

To purchase tickets, call (937) 429-5233 or visit [Dayton Funny Bone's ticket page](https://www.standup-media.com/comedyreservation/fullprocessing/sectionselection.aspx?csid=6f69745e-085e-43b6-98d2-5f97e4c3410e&clubid=6aad56b0-c17b-4aaf-9135-bef9f42a2bdc).

A full schedule of upcoming is available at the [Dayton Funny Bone's website](http://www.funnybone.com/Venues/Dayton/).

**4. Finish Your Week at First Friday (Friday, June 5)**

First Fridays in downtown Dayton not only mark the beginning of a new month, but offer an exciting start to your weekend, and this Friday, it will be sprint to the finish.

Downtown Dayton Partnership continues its Summer in the City series this Friday with The Great Dayton Adventure, which sends teams all over the Gem City in a 5K scavenger hunt with cash prizes of $250, $150 or $100 going to the fastest hunters.

[**>> On your mark, get set...RACE downtown on June's First Friday**](http://www.dayton.com/news/places/on-your-mark-get-set-race-downtown-on-junes-first-/nmQ2T/)

But that's not all!

Downtown Dayton will be buzzing with activity all weekend. Take your pick from a slew of drink and food specials and plenty of live music, including Pickin' in the Park at Riverscape MetroPark.

So grab your date, a pair of comfortable running or athletic shoes and clothing, and get up to starting line.

**6/11**

1. **Treat Yourself to the Theater**

If you’re looking for an exclusive musical show or enthralling play to attend, the Schuster Performing Arts Center is your best bet.

Not only does the theater feature a lengthy list of award-winning entertainment, but there is a bevy of dining options nearby.

Before you find your seat at the Schuster Center, pull up a chair at UNO Pizzeria and Grill, only two minutes away.

Feast on deep-dish pizza, steak, chicken, burgers or seafood, or choose two dishes for $12 from the [menu](http://www.unos.com/?fullsite=yes)’s Pick and Choose options.

This week features the final days of Peter and the Starcatcher, a theatrical prequel to Peter Pan, that chronicles the adventures of an orphan soon to be called Peter Pan, and Molly, a girl charged to protect a parcel of stardust from falling into the wrong hands.

<http://youtu.be/OONAPqEf-2U>

Tickets cost $25-$97 and are on sale now for performances on Thursday, Friday and twice on Saturday and Sunday.

Visit [TicketCenterStage.com](https://www.ticketcenterstage.com/show.asp?shcode=2078) to secure your seats now.

And before the curtain goes up, enjoy a pre-show flight featuring Belle of Dayton’s Belle 1775 Colonial Reserve Rum in a variety of cocktails. Tickets to pre-show flights are sold separately and are $10 each. You must also have a ticket to that night’s performance.

**Call Ticket Center Stage at (937) 228-3630 or (888) 228-3630 to add a pre-show flight to your performance.**

**2. Headlock your hunger, then sit down for Saturday’s main event**

What’s a weekend without spending it a couple thousand of your closest friends surrounding a wrestling ring?

The Superstars of [World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE)](http://www.wwe.com/) will invade the [Wright State Nutter Center](http://www.nuttercenter.com/default.aspx) Saturday, June 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m. for WWE Live.

Before the bell rings, grab a slice and a drink at [The Flying Pizza](http://www.theflyingpizza.com/fairborn/fairborn.html), across the street at 2640 Colonel Glenn Highway. All the ingredients and dough are hand-made right in the restaurant and pizza is served by the slice.

Later, watch WWE World Heavyweight Champion Seth Rollins defend his title against Randy Orton and Cincinnati native Dean Ambrose in a triple threat match. Roman Reigns will take on Big Show in a Steel Cage Match, and the Celtic Warrior Sheamus will do battle with “The Showoff” Dolph Ziggler.

Tickets range from $18-$108 and can be purchased through [Ticketmaster](http://www.ticketmaster.com/wwe-live-dayton-ohio-06-13-2015/event/16004E46DBF26EE6) and plenty of great seats are still available.

**3. Kings Island (adult style)**

Amusement parks are an excellent place to enjoy the rides and attractions as a family, but they can also be a lot of fun as a couples-only venture, too.

The park’s inaugural [Kings Island](https://www.visitkingsisland.com/) Banshee Brew Festival will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13. A ticket to the June 12-13 event includes 15 5-ounce craft beer samples and two food tickets — each good for one of seven featured entrées — plus one souvenir mug.

[**>> Kings Island’s first beer festival this weekend**](http://www.dayton.com/news/events/kings-islands-first-beer-festival-this-weekend/nmYTg/)

Food choices include Chicago-style hot dogs, Mesquite grilled jumbo chicken and grilled Italian sausage.

Of course, your visit to the park wouldn’t be complete without taking a ride on all those gravity-defying roller coasters, including the newest attraction [The Banshee](https://www.visitkingsisland.com/rides/Thrill-Rides-12-14-11-44/Banshee).

**4. Guitar Heroes**

For the past several weeks, the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance has been holding Dayton Guitar Heroes, an online competition. The participants range in age from 16 to 62.

The winners selected from the Internet contest will compete in a live event at [Dayton Beer Company](http://thedaytonbeerco.com/), 41 Madison St., Dayton, at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 13, and the best news is the cost is free.

[**>> Local craft brewery gets regional distribution**](http://www.dayton.com/news/news/local/local-craft-brewery-gets-regional-distribution/nmTt3/)

The winners of the live finals will join the Dayton Philharmonic and Jeans ’n Classics for a special concert at the Schuster Center on July 10.

Visit [daytonperformingarts.org/daytonguitarheroessearch](http://daytonperformingarts.org/daytonguitarheroessearch) for more info.

And should your palette crave something to drink, an award-winning craft beer is within reach, with something to please everyone from the novice beer drinker, to the seasoned veteran.

**6/17**

**1. Aim for the skies at the Air Show (Saturday, June 20 and Sunday, June 21)**

There's only one place to find the best high-altitude aerial acts in the sky at this time of year: The Vectren Dayton Air Show.

This weekend-long aviation extravaganza takes over the skies around Vandalia on Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21.

[**>> 7 reasons to go to the Dayton Air Show**](http://www.dayton.com/what-to-do/dayton-events/dayton-vectren-air-show/)

Spend an entire afternoon taking in the sights of both historic and modern aircrafts, watch live performances or get an up-close view of the planes that will be in action at Performer Pit Row.

Food, beverages including beer, apparel and souvenirs will be available for purchase.

Featured acts this year include the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, the U.S. Navy F-18 Hornet Strike Fighter, the Breiling Jet Team and more.

Visit [daytonairshow.com](http://www.daytonairshow.com/2015/tickets/) to purchase tickets. General admission tickets cost $18 for adults with your Kroger Plus Card and $21 at the gate or online (Internet sales end at Noon, Friday, June 19th).

**2. Soar through history at the USAF Museum (anytime)**

Dayton's rich aviation history runs deep within the city and there's no better place to take it all than the [National Museum of the U.S. Air Force](http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/).

Take your pick from exhibits dating back to World War II, the Digital 3D Theatre, which showcases the best of Hollywood and aviation films, or attend a museum lecture.

[**>> What you need to know about the USAF Museum film series**](http://www.dayton.com/news/events/what-you-need-know-about-2015-fourth-sunday-hollyw/nmFBx/)

And if you hunger comes calling while exploring the museum, be sure to visit the [Valkyrie Cafe](http://www.afmuseum.com/valkyrie-cafe).

Would you believe all of this amazing history is available FREE of charge?

**3. Be a King (and Queen) for a Day at Kings Island (anytime during park's season)**

Ohio may be known as the birthplace of aviation, but short of obtaining your own pilot license, the best way to experience the force of several Gs blowing your face back is at [Kings Island](https://www.visitkingsisland.com/) in Mason.

Of course, Kings Island is legendary for its thrill rides, including mainstays like The Beast, Drop Tower, The Racer and Delirium, but you can't miss out on the park's newest ride: Banshee. You'll race at almost 70 mph through more than 4,200 feet of track

**VisitKingsIsland.com offers the following tip to get the most out of**[**your Banshee experience**](https://www.visitkingsisland.com/rides/Thrill-Rides-12-14-11-44/Banshee)**:** "The wait for Banshee is usually longer in the morning than during the afternoon and early evening hours. We recommend that you take advantage of the shorter lines on the park's other world-class rides during the AM hours."

If you prefer to cool off from warm Sun, head over to Soak City Waterpark right next door and experience more than 50 water activities and 30 water slides.

To purchase tickets to the park, check out [**visitkingisland.com**](https://www.visitkingsisland.com/tickets/) for more info.

**4. Zoom Through Markin Farms on a Zip Line (anytime)**

Experience the thrills of flying past trees and zipping over water with a zip line tour at Markin Farms in West Liberty.

To make a reservation, call (937) 465-0358.

Price begin at $10 per ride.

Visit [markinfarms.com](http://www.markinfarms.com/index.html) for more info.

**6/24**

**1. For a taste of Dayton beers, walk this way (Anytime)**

What if we told you that it's possible to get your daily dose of exercise and sample from several local breweries all in one activity?

Well, as it turns out, you can do just that, covering just under one mile and four different breweries in the process.

Beginning at [Toxic Brew Company](http://toxicbrewcompany.com/) on East Fifth Street, head west toward South Patterson Boulevard then turn right. From there, it's about half a mile to [The Barrel House](http://www.barrelhousetap.com/) (417 E. Third Street) and about another .25 miles to [The Dayton Beer Company](http://thedaytonbeerco.com/) (41 Madison Street) and [Warped Wing Brewery](http://www.warpedwing.com/) (26 Wyandot St.), each.    
And if you're need of a meal in between these local watering holes, try [Smokin Bar-B-Que](http://www.smokinbarbque.com/) (200 E. Fifth Street) along the way.

**2. Put your best foot forward with FootGolf (Anytime)**

Traditional golf can turn a lot of people away, mainly because the sport features a steep learning curve, traditionally requires expensive equipment and can feature a costly course/greens fee just to play on a course. Thankfully, footgolf offers a unique spin on the game that makes it accessible to nearly anyone.

[Rollandia Golf Center](http://www.gorollandia.com/) has 18 challenging holes of footgolf that span more than 2,800 yards. There are men's and women's tee boxes and golf carts available, too.

[**>> 6 reasons to try FootGolf**](http://www.dayton.com/news/events/6-reasons-check-out-footgolf/nksff/)

And if you've never played the sport of footgolf, don't fret. The rules are very simple.

 The game is played with a regulation soccer ball on shortened holes with 21-inch diameter cups. A player tries to kick the ball into the hole with the fewest shots.  Each kick equals a shot.

The cost to play is $10 for adults, $7.50 for kids 12 years old or younger, $25 for a family (up to 2 adults and 3 children, from same household), $3 to rent a ball and $8.50 to borrow a riding cart.

For more info, visit [gorollandia.com/footgolf](http://www.gorollandia.com/footgolf/).

And in terms of nearby food and dining options, remember that you will be a mere 5 minutes away from [The Greene](http://www.thegreene.com/).

**3. Have it your way at the Dragons 5K (Saturday, June 27)**

Whether you're a casual participant looking to enjoy the fresh air and get some exercise or an accomplished road race warrior, a 5K run is a perfect way to notch 3.1 miles with a few thousand of your closest friends.

This weekend, you'll have the opportunity to do just that at the 4th Annual Subway Dragons 5K. The race will be held 9 a.m., Saturday, June 27, at Fifth Third Field, 220 N. Patterson Blvd., Dayton.

Cost is $32.50 to enter, which you can do at [goodtimesraces.com](https://goodtimesraces.com/dragons.html).

Be sure to stick around for the post-race party, which includes food, inflatables, face painting and more.

And in case you were wondering, yes, Jared, "The Subway Guy" will be in attendance.

[**>> Subway's Jared: How to make the most of Dragons 5K**](http://www.dayton.com/news/events/subways-jared-how-to-make-the-most-of-dragons-5k/nmjCT/)

After the race, share your triumph stories over a beer and burger at [Brixx Ice Company](http://brixxicecompany.com/) (500 E. First St.), right across from Fifth Third Field.

**4. Markdown movie tickets and drinks at The Greene (Wednesdays)**

Here's something that pretty much everyone knows: Movie tickets are getting really expensive.

But something you may not know is that there are huge deals available on Wednesdays at Cinemark movie theaters, which includes [The Greene 14 + IMAX](http://www.cinemark.com/theatre-detail.aspx?node_id=83862).

On Hump Day, you'll be able to watch the latest and greatest movies for just $5.50 per person all day. Compare that to the regular adult evening price of $11.90 and you're saving quite a bit of dough.

And don't forget, Wednesdays are Beer Night over at Bar Louie, which is directly across the street from the theater. Select domestic bottles are $1.25 on Wednesdays and signature martinis are $5.25.

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Want a jump start on your weekend plans or have a night on the town with that special someone?

**Here are some great date night ideas this week:**

**1. Join the party downtown (Friday, July 10)**

If you don't get a chance to make it downtown often, there is no better time to change that than this weekend. On Friday, there will be tons to do and see throughout downtown during the [Summer in the City Street Party](http://www.dayton.com/news/events/get-down-with-guitar-heroes-at-july-10s-summer-in-/nmq28/). Second Street will be closed down down to make way for a giant street party complete with beer, food vendors and more at this happy-hour type event. Grab a casual dinner, some brews and listen to live music, pop in some of the shops downtown, check out Clash's sidewalk sale and learn more about Dayton's theater groups while you're at it.

While you're downtown, you could take in a nostalgic movie. The Victoria Theatre Association kicks off its Cool Film Series at the Victoria Theatre with "American Graffiti" at 7 p.m. What's more romantic than sharing a popcorn? Tickets are $6, and that includes free popcorn and soda one hour before each screening and a free organ concert 30 minutes before each screening.

After the happy hour, or hours, stick around for a special[“Guitar Heroes” concert.](http://www.dayton.com/news/lifestyles/9-things-know-about-guitar-heroes/nmLrb/)Michael Baumann, Blaine Gordon and Kelly Bush will join [the Fries Band](https://www.facebook.com/thefriesband) during the street party, and Mike Craft and Max Mobarry will perform at 8 p.m. at the Schuster Center, 1 W. Second St. with the Dayton Philharmonic and guest band[Jeans ‘N Classics,](http://www.jeansnclassics.com/) each performing a solo for a classic guitar anthem that will bring you way back. Tickets ($27-$81) can be purchased online at [ticketcenterstage.com.](https://ticket.ticketcenterstage.com/)

After, stop by a downtown bar for another beverage or some live music.

**2. Eat wings, then wash them down with beer (Saturday, July 11)**

The couple that pigs out together, stays together. Right? For couples who don't mind their special someone seeing them pick at their teeth or get a little messy, head over to Fraze Pavilion in Kettering at 3 p.m. for the [**Kickin' Chicken Wing Fest**](http://www.dayton.com/news/events/go-crazy-with-chicken-wings-at-saturdays-kickin-ch/nmsXJ/)**.**

Sample wings from 10 local establishments ($3 for 3 wings) while listening to live music by Lt. Dan's New Legs, Reload and After Midnight.

If your mouth is on fire after eating all of those wings, cleanse with a local brew. Get in your car and head to downtown Dayton over to the Yellow Cab in Dayton for [Beer!](http://www.dayton.com/news/events/beer-beer-and-beer-at-beer-daytons-12-breweries-to/nmtbQ/) We promise the drive from Kettering to downtown is worth it. This event will feature 12 local breweries serving up samples in one location. It's a rare chance to conveniently research your local craft beer options without driving or walking from location to location.

The great thing about both events is you get to share your opinion on your favorite wings and beers.

**3. Shop and dine in Waynesville (Saturday, July 11)**

Explore one of the Dayton area's most unique villages. Waynesville's [**Second Saturday Street Fair**](http://www.secondsaturdaystreetfaire.com/)will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. More than 40 vendors will be on hand selling their wares, from woodworking to fiber art. While you're there, browse the unique shops throughout the village.

Make a day of it. After you visit the outside vendors, shop away.

Hungry? For lunch, stop by the [**Cobblestone Cafe**](http://www.cobblestonevillagecafe.com/), with menu offerings featuring fresh local ingredients. The Cafe also doubles as a shopping destination. Browse through home decor items, fashion accessories and handmade gifts.

For dinner, unwind at [**The Stonehouse Tavern**](http://shtavern.com/)**,** a full-service bar and restaurant featuring appetizers, hamburgers, sandwiches and entrees. There are 12 beers on tap, with a focus on craft beer, plus wine and cocktails. Dine inside or on the patio.

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**1. Geekfest (Friday, July 17)**

Where can you find cosplay artists, video game veterans, Star Wars fans and astronomy enthusiasts all in one location this weekend? Geekfest, of course!

And if you are your date are looking to embrace your inner geekiness, then there's no better place to on Friday, July 17 from 6-11 p.m., inside the  [Boonshoft Museum of Discovery](http://www.boonshoftmuseum.org/).

[**>> 5 ways to embrace your inner geek at Geekfest**](http://www.dayton.com/news/events/5-ways-embrace-your-inner-geek-geekfest/nmwnT/)

While you're there, you can test your skills in video game competitions, featuring games both old and new, see if you're the king and queen of Geek Jeopardy and much more.

Boonshoft Museum encourages you to #getyourgeekon and tag @boonshoftmuseum on Instagram or Twitter.

Channeling your inner geek might drive up your hunger, and just in case it does, [Craig's Pesto Hot Dog](https://www.facebook.com/WSUhotdogman) will be on hand with food and drinks.

Tickets are available [for purchase](https://dsnh.webconnex.com/GeekFest) at $10 per person.

**2. Spa treatment for two (Anytime)**

Sometimes, you just need to unwind, but relaxing on the couch can only relieve so much stress.

But after treating yourself (and your significant other) to a massage, you'll feel those muscles loosen up and your state of mind instantly improve!

And if you're looking to save a few bucks on this special treatment, [Gravity Spa](http://www.gravityspa.com/) in Beavercreek has some deals for you.

Right now, you can save $10 on one of three a one hour massage packages that each include a floatation and massage, from $90-$100.

Couples massages, of all types, cost $110 (hot stone couples massages cost $130).

To make an appointment, visit [Gravity Spa's online appointment page](http://www.secure-booker.com/gravityspa/MakeAppointment/Search.aspx).

Nearby, you'll find a number of dining options which include [Beavercreek Pizza Dive](http://www.beavercreekpizza.com/), A Little Bit of Mexico, [House of Thai Restaurant](http://www.house-of-thai.com/index.htm), as well as several well-known chains.

**3. Canoeing (Anytime)**

Lately, it seems like there is no end to the rain, but it appears that this weekend is shaping up to be nice and sunny. And once the weather improves, you'll want to head outdoors and take advantage of it.

Head over to Bellbrook Canoe Rental, where you can try your hand at canoeing, kayaking or tube floating.

Prices are $39 for canoes, $26 for kayaks, $10 for a two-hour tube float, $25 for a 2 hour double tube float and $20 for five-six hours. For a full list of rates, visit[bellbrookcanoerental.com/adventures](http://bellbrookcanoerental.com/adventures/). Or call (937) 848-4812 for more info.

After your adventure, you can head into town for a meal at [The Blue Berry Cafe](https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Blue-Berry-Cafe/117413774944463?fref=ts) or [Bellbrook Pizza Cottage](https://www.facebook.com/BellbrookPizzaCottage?fref=ts).

**4. Create Culinary Magic at a Cooking Class**

So you're not exactly Bobby Flay or Giada de Laurentiis when it comes to the kitchen? No problem. After a professionally-taught cooking class, you'll feel the confidence to start tackling even the most complex dishes.

Dorothy Lane Market always has a class on its schedule that should fit your interest. The current list of classes goes through mid-August and includes topics ranging from wines, to cake decorating, Asian noodles and even cooking with summer ales.

Cost for each class ranges from $75 per person, to $135 for a couple.

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**1. Dance the Night Away (Saturdays)**

Don't just stand there, bust a move!

Sometimes, the best way to relieve yourself from the day-to-day, 9-to-5 work-week grind is to dance away your stress, and luckily for you, Julia's Niteclub, 8939 Kingsridge Drive, Dayton, has a rocking party every Saturday night that's perfect for adults.

Everything from Top 40s to music from '70s, '80s and '90s music is played, and you can show off your best dance skills on Julia's lengthy dance floor.

Cover charge is $5, and there will be prizes and giveaways including gift certificates and a chance to enter the money pit.

And the bartenders will be serving up your favorite drinks all night long to fuel your party spirit!

The Saturday Night Mix has been at Julia's Nite Club for more than 10 years along with DJ Tim Dylan who has been the DJ the entire time.

For more info, visit [Julia's Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Julias-Nite-Club/149436065072290?fref=ts).

**2. Relax at a Bed and Breakfast (anytime)**

Sometimes you just need to get away, but you don't want to venture too far from home.

A stay at a nearby bed and breakfast might be just what you're looking for.

Dayton is home to several BNBs that offer antique decor and down-home hospitality, including [Grinnell Mill in Yellow Springs](http://www.grinnellmillbandb.com/), [Ohio Barn Bed & Breakfast in Fairborn](http://www.ohiobarnbnb.com/) or[Aurthur Morgan House in Yellow Springs](http://www.arthurmorganhouse.com/).

And the best part might just be that you don't have to make the bed or prepare your own breakfast.

Rates and availability vary by location and days of the week. Visit the websites for more details.

**3. Summer Restaurant Week (July 26 - Aug. 2)**

Looking to try some new food around Dayton? Then prepare to set your palate to be amazed next week.

The Miami Valley Restaurant Association presents its Summer Restaurant Week, July 26-Aug. 2.

[**>> Here's why you can't miss Dayton Restaurant Week Preview**](http://seenandoverheard.blog.dayton.com/2015/07/17/heres-why-you-cant-miss-dayton-restaurant-week-preview/)

During this week-long event, you can enjoy a three-course meal from more than 50 participating Dayton eateries.

This way, you won't have any difficulty answering the question, "Where should we eat tonight?"

Ok, maybe you will, but only because you'll want to litterally try everything on the menus.

Meals cost $20.15, $25.15 and $30.15.

For more info on the event, visit [**dineoutdayton.com**](http://dineoutdayton.com/).

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**1. Rock Out at Urban Krag (Anytime)**

If you're looking for high-vertical thrills, but still desire the safety of a harness, you can get in quite a workout over at [Urban Krag](http://urbankrag.com/index.php) Climbing Center in downtown Dayton.

Day passes cost $14, and shoes, helmets, harnesses and chalk bags can all be rented out for less than $5 each.

If you've never done indoor rock climbing before, you will need to complete a belay certification, which takes about 30 to 45 minutes and is a one-time charge of $15. This helps ensure that you understand all of the safety instructions. However, if you are an experienced climber and can demonstrate your ability to safely belay you can take a BELAY TEST which costs $3. However, if Urban Krag does have to teach you anything during the test, you will be charged for a full belay certification.

But there's plenty of room for everyone. Urban Krag features 8,000 square feet of climbing space, with heights ranging from 28 to 56 feet, and an inclined bouldering wall for advanced and beginner climbers.

And after a hard day's climb, you can rest easy knowing that Fifth Street in the Oregon District is less than 1/4 miles away, making it an easy walk, if you still have the leg power to do so.

Visit [**urbankrag.com**](http://urbankrag.com/index.php) for more details.

**2. Wine then dine (Anytime, wineries day/times of operation vary by location)**

Whether it's white or red, Merlot or Riesling, wine brings everyone together, especially couples.

And in Southwest Ohio, there's more than a handful of great wineries to visit that don't require hours of travel time.

[**>> Where to enjoy local wine in Southwest Ohio**](http://www.dayton.com/what-to-love/wineries/)

**3. Miami Valley Music Fest (July 31-Aug. 1)**

Get ready to jam out for a good cause and enjoy two days of awesome live music!

The Miami Valley Music Festival Association -- a 501(c)(3) public charity organized with the purpose of hosting music events to raise funds and awareness for local charitable causes -- will take over the Troy Eagles Campground, 2252 Troy-Urbana Rd., Troy on July 31 - Aug. 1, and it's the perfect place to take the music lover you know.

The lineup includes more than 40 acts. Food and craft vendors will be there, as well.

Weekend pre-sale tickets are available until July 31 at midnight for $47.12, including fees. Single-day tickets are $40, plus a $1.99 fee, weekend tickets cost $60, plus a $2.49 fee.

You can view the entire weekend's schedule of acts on the [event's website](http://www.miamivalleymusicfest.com/2015-festival/schedule/).

For more info about the event, head over to [**miamivalleymusicfest.com**](http://www.miamivalleymusicfest.com/).

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**1. Wine Tastings (Anytime)**

As much as the Dayton is known for great beer, the local wine tastings and activities should not be overlooked.

Nearly any day of the week, you can partake in wine tastings all across Dayton. [Arrow Wine & Spirits](http://www.arrowwineandspirits.com/Wine___Beer_Tastings.html), for example, has tastings from 5-7 p.m. every Friday at its Centerville store. If you prefer more of a downtown scene, [The Wine Gallery](http://thewinegalleryandcafe.com/wine-tastings-at-the-wine-gallery/) at 5 W. Monument Avenue has special wine tastings from 5:30-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday, and hosts tastings from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays at 2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second Street.

Looking for a different way to experience wine? [See some of our other suggestions, like visiting a wine shop or going for a winery tour](http://www.dayton.com/news/lifestyles/4-ways-celebrate-national-wine-day-may-25/nmJbq/). You should also check out our [comprehensive guide to local wineries](http://www.dayton.com/what-to-love/wineries/).

And for more info on area wine tastings, be sure to visit [Mark Fisher's Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/MarkFisherDDN?fref=ts). Mark is the resident wine expert for Dayton Daily News and always posts a large list of area wine tastings on his page each week.

**2. All the Art the Eye Can See at DAI (Anytime)**

They say a picture says a thousand words, but a one-of-a-kind painting or sculpture might just say several thousand more. At the Dayton Art Institute, you can view some of the finest works of art in the world right here in Dayton (like [these 6 can't-miss treasures](http://www.dayton.com/news/places/theater/six-dont-miss-treasures-from-the-dayton-art-instit/njQJg/)).

The museum doesn't charge a standard admission fee, but the suggested donation is $8 per adult, which is quite a bargain considering all the beautiful art on display.

Now though Oct.4, the [Call to Duty: World War Posters & Tears of Stone exhibit is on display](http://www.dayton.com/news/events/new-art-exhibits-reflect-on-wartime/nmqrN/), featuring "celebrations surrounding the 100th anniversary of World War I (1914–1918), as well as the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II," according to [daytonartinstitute.org](http://daytonartinstitute.org/).

And if hunger stirs during your visit, head over to Leo's Bistro inside the museum for a bite to eat. (Note: The restaurant is currently closed, but will reopen Friday, August 7, when [Bernstein’s Fine Catering](http://bernsteinscatering.com/index.htm) takes over management. The restaurant will debut a brand spankin' new menu during the reopening.)

For more info or to plan your visit, check out [daytonartinstitute.org](http://www.daytonartinstitute.org/).

**3. Sample from a Super Selection at the Great American Beer Tasting (Saturday, August 8)**

If you or your significant other are like most people, you don't enjoy drinking just one kind of beer. Luckily for the both you, there's an event this weekend that encourages you to try many different beers, all in one place.

At the [Great American Beer Tasting](http://www.dayton.com/news/events/6-thirst-quenching-reasons-to-go-to-great-american/nnCFc/) on Saturday, August 8, your ticket ($25 in advance, $35 day of the event) allows you to try 20 samples from over 100 available beers. (If you needed a reason to go, [here are six](http://www.dayton.com/news/events/6-thirst-quenching-reasons-to-go-to-great-american/nnCFc/).)

And as if the overflowing beer options were not enough, there will be plenty of food to choose from and unique scenery that comes from attending an event at Fifth Third Field.