

THE GREAT DATE ROADMAP

----- HAVE FUN -----

► Welcome to the Great Date Road Map!¹ -----

This date focuses on the two of you spending time together (very important to any date) and having fun! Because one of the best ways to protect your marriage is to enjoy it...

To get the full and unhindered enjoyment out of this date, you will have to embrace the cheese factor. Yes, I said cheese. This date is about creating a memorable moment, so simply have fun, play along, and see what happens.

For this date all you need is your spouse (essential), this guide, a car, and a pen. The cost of this date can be as cheap or expensive as you want. It all depends on what you decide while following the steps. Have a Great Date (pun intended), and begin with the challenges below...



Challenge Accepted! -----

While on the date, incorporate the following...

Husbands: Sometime during the night, make your move and (choose one)...

- Hold hands (lock your fingers...you are married)
- Put your arm around her (whisper sweet nothings into her ear)
- Walk with your hands in each others back pockets (just like high school)

Wives: Lean over and give him a kiss at every red light. (It will be the only time he will ever be excited to hit a red light!)

► Picture This! -----

During your date, take a fun or creative picture of the two of you. Use the picture to change the wallpaper on your phone. You may even want to share your love by posting it on facebook, instagram, or tweeting it. Finally, you can email it, along with your names, to greatdate@mynorthside.com to be entered into a drawing for a future date night gift card.

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► Adventure Is Out There! -----

For a dinner adventure, go somewhere you have never eaten before.

On Your Way:

1. Start driving to your dinner destination.
2. While driving, the passenger will ask the driver to provide a word for each of the required blanks.
3. As the driver gives each answer, the passenger will write down the answer in each blank spot.
4. After all the blanks are filled, read each sentence and enjoy!



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1. Guys, make sure you help around the house by _____ in _____ costume.
(chore ending in "-ing") (favorite superhero)
2. Gals, you will drive your husband wild when you wear your wool _____ and your _____ jersey to bed.
(article of clothing) (favorite sports team)
3. Gals, he loves it when you call him pet names like "little _____" or "big _____."
(farm animal) (fruit or vegetable)
4. Guys, remind your mother-in-law often how much she reminds you of _____.
(favorite movie villain)
5. Gals, remind him daily that you really appreciate his ability to _____ while _____.
(verb) (verb ending with "-ing")
6. No matter how badly her cooking tastes, never tell her it tastes like an old pair of _____.
(favorite type of footwear)
7. Admire your spouse's _____ every chance you get.
(adjective) (body part(s))
8. Speak in an _____ accent each time you _____ together.
(foreign language) (verb)
9. Each morning, give your spouse a _____ kiss and a _____ hug.
(adjective) (adjective)

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► Triple Dog Dare?

- **For the Adventurous...** Order something you have never eaten before
- **For the Really Adventurous...** Tell the waiter to surprise you with dinner. You can give him/her a price limit and one other caveat (e.g., no fish, no dairy, etc.).



Food For Thought

As you dine, answer the following “Would You Rather”:

Guys: Ask your wife these questions...

1. Would you rather go for a walk outside together or sit and drink coffee together?
2. Would you rather be stuck in an elevator with two wet dogs or two men with really bad breath?
3. Would you rather have 24 hours away by yourself, or have 24 hours away with your closest girlfriend(s)?
4. Would you rather be a giant hamster or be a tiny rhino?
5. Would you rather I go “all out” for your birthday or for Christmas?
6. Would you rather have a tattoo on your arm of Wonder Woman or Bat Girl?

Gals: Ask your husband these questions...

1. Would you rather have 24 hours away by yourself, or have 24 hours away with your buddies?
2. Would you rather ride a roller coaster for 24 hours straight or eat nothing but Spam for three days?
3. Would you rather give up the Internet/email for a week or give up coffee/tea for a week?
4. Would you rather be a ninja or a pirate?
5. Would you rather have a reputation of being someone who is “smart” or being someone who is “funny”?
6. Would you rather have to shout everything you say or hop everywhere you go?

► Sugary Goodness

After dinner, head to your favorite dessert location.

On Your Way: Fill in the following blanks...

I love seeing how _____ brings you so much joy.

My favorite inside joke we have is _____.

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Once You Have Ordered Dessert, follow these instructions. Start separately, but at the same time....

1. Either with your eyes closed or using your non-dominant hand, draw something in the space provided that is related to the following: My favorite gift I have ever received from you was...
2. Use your napkin (or other items on the table) to sculpt something related to the following: The most fun thing we've done over the last 12 months is...

Capture the moment by taking a picture with your creations.



Keep it Going! -----

On your drive home, determine one way you can have 30 minutes of fun together this week, and put it on the calendar.

After Arriving Home: don't forget to include the classic date staple...a kiss on the doorstep

- **Seriously Dating/Engaged Couples:** This is where your date ends. Unless you took a detour and got married while on the date (stranger things have happened).
- **Married Couples:** Now the rest is up to you, Have Fun!

¹Adapted from *The Can't Wait Date Challenge*. Orange, 2011, www.marriedpeople.org.