

# 12 Date Ideas for Valentine's Day



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With Valentine's Day just a few days away, men around New Bedford will be squirming to satisfy their lady's need to be loved on 14 February. There is a good chance that some men will forget Valentine's Day and suffer the consequence of sleeping on the couch. Most men will make a feeble attempt at declaring their love by simply going through the motions by taking their lady out to dinner at the same tired places.

Guys, here are 10 great date ideas to ensure your Valentine's Day not only goes smoothly, but ensures your lady throws you into bed instead of onto the couch.

**1. Carabiners Indoor Rock Climbing** – Rock climbing can be a fun date. Since opening in 2004, Carabiners has been offering New Bedford residents a fun way to exercise. It also provides a great venue for an active date. Check out our spotlight from last year [here](#).



**2. Ice Skating** – Ice skating can be a fun, romantic time. Hetland in New Bedford doesn't have public access on Saturday, so you'll have to travel to **The Providence Rink** for some outdoor ice skating that is open to the public seven days a week from 10am – 10pm. With all the snow call before you head there to make sure they are open.

**3. New Bedford Symphony Orchestra** – Looking for an amazing musical experience? The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra is performing "Romantic Spells" on February 14 at 7:30pm at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$25-\$60 and students are always \$10; available through The Z box office, 508-994-4900 or online at [www.nbsymphony.org](http://www.nbsymphony.org). Full details [here](#).

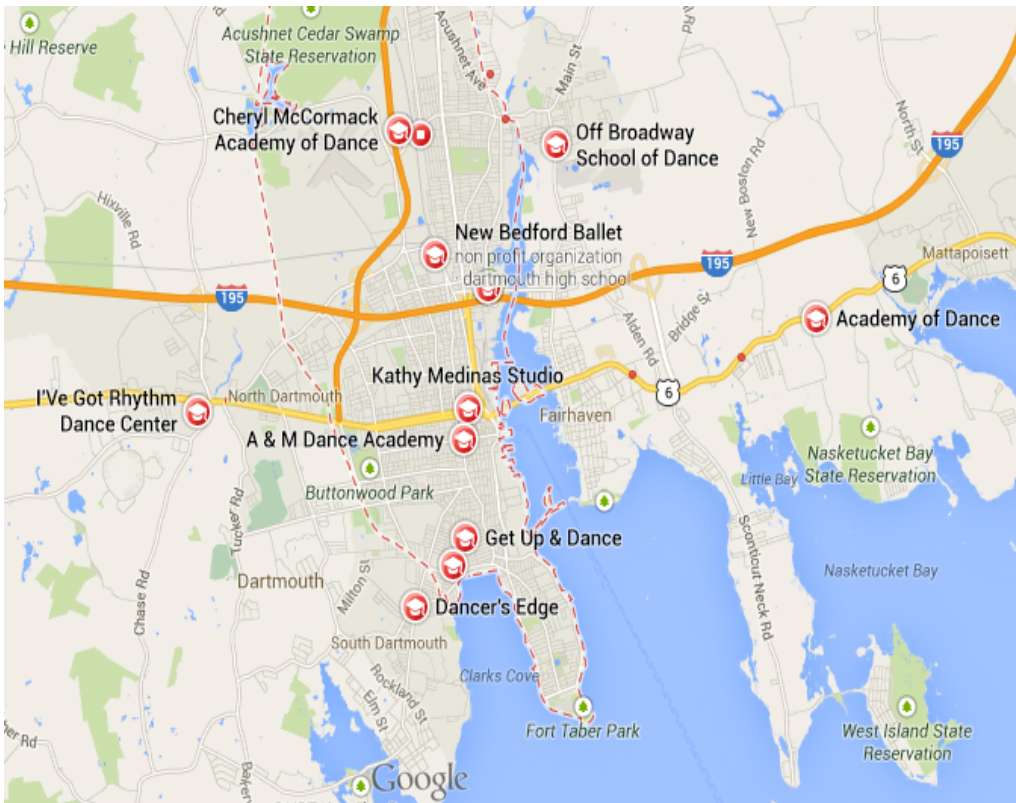
**4. Visit a Museum or Art Gallery** – New Bedford offers outstanding museums and galleries. Here are the places you should consider. Call ahead to get their hours.

- New Bedford Art Museum – 608 Pleasant Street – (508) 961-3072
- Gallery X – 169 William Street – (508) 992-2675
- Arthur Moniz Art Gallery – 22 William Street, (508) 997-8644 □

- New Bedford Museum of Glass – 61 Wamsutta Street, (508) 984-1666
- TL6 the Gallery – 100 William Street, (508) 992-8100

**5. Couples Massage** – You can't go wrong with a couples massage. The best location for a couples massage is **Gloria and Company** on 211 Alden Road in Fairhaven. It costs \$170 per couple for 1 hour.

**6. Take a Private Dance Class Together** – Want to sweep a girl off her feet literally and figuratively? Schedule a private dance class and learn to Salsa, Tango or some other romantic dance. A quick **Google Search** shows plenty of dance studios in the area.



**7. Head to A Comedy Club** – What's better than a night of drinks and a comedian making fun of you all night? Rhode Island Comedy Connection has two shows on Valentine's Day. [Calendar here.](#)

**8. Dinner at a Nice Restaurant** – If you don't have a reservation at one of these restaurant, you may be too late.

These places offer some fine dining and the perfect atmosphere for your date.

- **The Waterfront Grille** – Outstanding atmosphere and quality food. Menu [here](#).
- **Cork Wine and Tapas Bar** – Romantic atmosphere and unique menu items. Menu [here](#).
- **All Friends Smokehouse** (Westport) -They are having a special “Dinner for 2 Menu” including an appetizer, 2 entrees, and dessert for \$49.95. They are BYOB so bring by your favorite bottle of wine. Reservation can be made by calling 774-264-9798. Menu [here](#).
- **The Pasta House** (Fairhaven) – Outstanding atmosphere and quality food.
- **Adriana’s Mexican Restaurant** – Eat quality, authentic Mexican cuisine in a classy, family style setting.

**9. Learn to Paint** – Painting With a Splash is one of New Bedford’s newest businesses. They offer step-by-step painting with a local artist in a BYOB environment. Details and class schedule: <http://www.paintingwithasplash.com/>.

**10. Visit a Book Store or Library** – Don’t think book stores or libraries can be fun? Most libraries have some great art, artifacts and of course some amazing books. There are also some great books stores like Remains To Be Seen/Baker Books (2 McCabe St. in South Dartmouth) and fun ones like Newbury Comics (331 State Rd in North Dartmouth).

**11. Cook Together** – There is something amazing about discovering a new recipe and cooking the meal together. Dust off that recipe book you bought years ago or search the internet. The key is try something different and new and enjoy each other’s company.

**12. Make a Reservation at a Nice Hotel** – Here is a list of excellent hotels and bed and breakfasts in the area:

- Fairfield Inn & Suites New Bedford

- Hampton Inn Fairhaven
- Davenport House Bed & Breakfast
- Orchard Street Manor
- Captain Haskell's Octagon House
- Melville House Bed And Breakfast
- Wayfarer Bed & Breakfast
- Baggins End Guest House
- Lizzie Borden Bed and Breakfast

**Extra Credit: Order Your Netflix or Redbox Movie Early –** Don't be a buffoon and wait until the last minute to order a romantic movie. I recommend Shakespeare in Love, The Notebook, Moulin Rouge, Casablanca, Ghost or Sixteen Candles. Here is a good **Top 50 list**.

Plan your Valentine's day early and take your date out somewhere special. It's up to you whether Cupid's arrow strikes your lady in the heart...or you in the groin.



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**Municipal Police Officer**

# Civil Service Exam (New Bedford)

The City of New Bedford is posting this Public Service Announcement to inform New Bedford residents of the Municipal Police Officer Civil Service Exam. The exam, part of the Human Resources Division 2015 entry-level public safety series, will take place on April 25, 2015. Applications must be submitted no later than March 13, 2015. After that date, an additional processing fee will be required until the final late-file deadline of March 26, 2015.

\*\* The application process must be completed on the State's website, [www.mass.gov/civilservice](http://www.mass.gov/civilservice).

Information may also be obtained through the Human Resources Division, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108, 1-800-392-6178 or 1-617-878-9895; or the City of New Bedford website, [www.newbedford-ma.gov](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov), Jobs & Employment, which will direct you to the examination link.

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## New Bedford emergency shelter open tonight

The New Bedford temporary emergency shelter at 634 Purchase Street will be open on Monday, Feb. 9th from 7pm until 5am. The shelter is in need of bottled water and/or soda. They also need volunteers to man the shelter. Shifts are 7pm-12am and 12-5am. Contact Pete Wilde at 978-866-9499.

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# School closings in south coast, MA – 9 Feb, 2015

Here's an updated list of school closings in the south coast, MA area for Monday, Feb. 9th, 2015. Check back as it will be updated often.

Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech

New Bedford Public Schools

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Nativity Preparatory School of New Bedford

Dartmouth public schools

Bishop Stang High School

St James-St John School

Fairhaven public schools

St. Joseph's-Fairhaven

Fall River public schools

Diman Reg'l Vocational Technical High School

Kennedy Donovan Center

Holy Family – Holy Name School (New Bedford)

Attleboro public schools

Acushnet Public Schools

Tri-Town schools (Rochester, Marion and Mattapoisett)

Somerset Public Schools

Freetown / Lakeville Regional Schools

Global Learning Charter Public School

Nazarene Christian (New Bedford)

All Saints Catholic School (New Bedford)

Westport Community Schools

Montessori School of the Angels (Westport)

Swansea public schools

Seekonk Public Schools

Bridgewater-Raynham Regional Schools

Bishop Connolly High School  
Coyle and Cassidy  
Atlantis Charter School (Fall River)  
Argosy Collegiate (Fall River)  
East Gate Christian Academy (Fall River)  
Espirito Santo School (Fall River)  
Holy Name School (Fall River)  
St. Stanislaus School (Fall River)  
Montessori School of the Angels (Westport)  
Seekonk Christian  
Alma del Mar

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Rob Roy Academy-Fall River  
Rob Roy Acad-New Bedford  
Rob Roy Acad-Taunton  
BCC – All locations  
UMass Dartmouth campus  
Bridgewater State University  
Massachusetts Maritime

Courts will NOT be open tomorrow in New Bedford. Courts in all counties except Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket Counties will be closed on Monday, February 9th.

Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket Counties will make a final decision by 6 a.m Monday morning, based on local weather conditions. That decision will be posted at [mass.gov/courts](https://www.mass.gov/courts)

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## **New Bedford emergency shelter open Sunday and Monday**

The New Bedford temporary emergency shelter at 634 Purchase Street will be open to anyone in need on Sunday, Feb. 8th and



Monday, Feb. 9th. The shelter will be open from 7pm until 5am each day.

The shelter is in need of sandwich meat, casseroles, paper goods, juice, soup snacks and other food items. They also need a few volunteers to man the shelter. Shifts are 7pm-12am and 12 -5am. Contact Pete Wilde at 978-866-9499.

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## **POLL: Favorite Local Portuguese restaurant?**

Please select up to 3 of your favorite area Portuguese restaurants. Are we missing a restaurant? Post a reply!

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## **Where is the best Portuguese restaurant?**

Please select up to 3 of your favorite area Portuguese restaurants.

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# New Bedford emergency shelter in need of supplies

The City of New Bedford has once again asked Mercy Meals and More to open the emergency shelter at 634 Purchase Street on Friday, Feb. 6th, Monday, Feb. 9th and Tuesday, Feb. 10th. The shelter will be open from 7pm until 5am each day.

The shelter is in need of sandwich meat, cheese and bread. Contact Pete Wilde at 978-866-9499.

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## Tips for charity at Mary's Hot Dogs in New Bedford

Small business owners are the backbone of any community. Small businesses that give back to the community are the heart of the community and seem to thrive. **Mary's Mini Dogs** has quickly become the heart of the north end of New Bedford.

One of New Bedford's newest businesses, Mary's Mini-Dogs on 2112 Acushnet Ave. in the north end of New Bedford, immediately started giving back and has made giving back to the community a daily task.

While tips are not expected, any tips received are donated to local non-profits. Every 30 days, Mary's chooses a different local, non-profit organization and donates every penny to that organization.

In the first 30 days of tips, Mary's donated \$310.73 to a local Boy Scout troop. This month, tips are being donated to the Greater New Bedford Special Olympics. The next two non-profits are New Bedford Guide Scholarship fund (coming soon!) and Odie's Place Animal Shelter.



On Super Bowl Sunday, Mary's prepared hot dogs for 109 on duty police officers and fire fighters in New Bedford, Fairhaven, Acushnet and Freetown.

"Mary's" also donated a percentage of sales for two days towards the fundraiser of Tricia and Victoria Fernandes' Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. The plunge is on February 28, 2015.

<https://www.kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?ievent=1122675&supId=417036071>. Mary's has also made food donations of hot dogs, rolls and chips to Mercy Meals and cold cuts and cheese to Harbour House Family Shelter.

On Super Bowl Sunday, Mary's prepared hot dogs for 109 on duty police officers and firefighters in New Bedford, Fairhaven, Acushnet and Freetown. The owner, Mary Hocking, asked for volunteers to deliver the hot dogs to each station and received an overwhelming response from the community. Twelve people delivered hot dogs to 16 police and fire stations. The volunteers were Debra Andre, Michelle Lafrance, Katie Ann Doyle, Paul Lopes, Gina Farizo, Lori Anne, Justine Reed, Brittany Michelle, Kathy Lopes, Pearl Lee Monteiro, Cathy Silva and Robin Quinn.

Mary's is a welcomed business in the north end of New Bedford. Stop by soon to enjoy a delicious meal and tip generously knowing that 100% of the tip money will go to a great local cause.

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# **Help Wanted: Superintendent of Facilities, Construction & Maintenance**

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

SUPT. OF FACILITIES, CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE \$60,588 – \$73,903

DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES & FLEET MANAGEMENT

Ensures that a consistently high standard of quality control and supervision is maintained for each contract via daily site visits, and assessing contract implementation with due regard to building, and health and safety of stakeholders and the public. Monitors the performance of contractors and consultants on site, and ensures that engineering installations are constructed in accordance with drawing and specifications; provides feedback on the performance of contractors and consultants to the Director. Maintains records of construction sites; includes copies of all correspondence concerning projects, contract documents, construction schedules, change orders, permits, inspection reports, drawings, invoices and any other applicable documentation; maintains a log of all daily activities including daily

progress, inspectors, sub-contractors on site, etc. Meets with and accompanies any inspectors from local, State and/or Federal agencies having jurisdiction over projects. Immediately reports the results of such inspections to the Director.

Associate's or Bachelor's Degree in Engineering, Drafting, Architecture or a related field is desired, however, knowledge and experience equivalent to five years' work on similar projects involving facility construction and/or renovations, with at least five (5) years in a full time paid position with broad management responsibilities such as project manager or similar titles will be considered.

Ability to read and understand construction drawings, specifications and contracts; ability to understand the results of material testing and sampling; advanced writing and computer skills; broad general understanding of current construction practices, methods and materials; broad knowledge of building codes; familiarity with environmental laws and concerns; familiarity with proper procedures for handling and storing hazardous materials; general knowledge of major building systems and how they work; knowledge of construction site administration; knowledge of construction financing and accounting.

Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license with good driving record and Massachusetts Builders License, unrestricted.

For application/complete job description, please visit [www.newbedford-ma.gov](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov) or contact the Personnel Dept., 133 William St., Room 212, 508-979-1444. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found. EEO

New Bedford has a residency requirement.