

Top 5 Ways to Share the Love this Valentine's Day in the Rockford Region

There's a lot of love to go around in the Rockford region and it can be shared in so many fun ways this Valentine's Day. Whether you are driving the distance for a new experience, playing it more low-key this year, planning a romantic date night out, getting the whole family together for a special moment or treating yourself to some much needed R&R we have you covered!


As we get ready for this swoon-worthy holiday we thought a fun guide of products, services, events and ways to turn up the Valentine's vibes would be just the thing to make this one your best yet!


Here are our Top 5 Ways to Share the Love this Valentine's Day in the Rockford region.

1. **STAY** – If you have a need for adventure and experiencing something new, you'll want to visit our premiere hotels for a creative date night experience that can only be had in our community with our amazing views, handcrafted foods/beverages and top-notch service.

The Embassy Suites by Hilton Rockford Riverfront is a great Valentine's Gift surprise for your partner with a romantic rooftop dinner and overnight stay! This Valentine's Package includes overnight accommodations, chocolate-covered strawberries and champagne delivered to your guest suite, and a rooftop dinner with a specialty prix fixe menu and two glasses of wine at [The Top Rooftop Bar & Lounge](#).

This package is available for stays on Saturday, February 11th or Tuesday, February 14th. Click the link to learn more and book now - <https://esrockford.com/valentines-package>

 416 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101

2. **FOOD and SPIRITS** – There are so many ways to share a Valentine's Day-infused meal with your loved ones. Be sure to research in advance. Many specials are posted on social media and are unique with flavors and  themes.

PRO TIP: Be sure to make reservations as early as you can. Spots for these experiences tend to fill up fast.

If you want a more elaborate/exclusive dinner be sure to reserve a spot at Barnstormer Distillery, which includes a Valentine's Day Dinner at the distillery

featuring an À la carte menu & valentine inspired cocktails. They are collaborating with The Iron Salamander to bring you a beautiful evening of great food & cocktails on February 14th from 6-9 p.m.

📍 6969 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61102

If you are looking for something a little more fast and casual then visit a place like Sam's Ristorante and Pizzeria. They will have heart-shaped pizzas available for Valentine's Day dining or take-out...oh so fun!!

PRO TIP: Be sure to ask when you call ahead if there are any customizations your restaurant of choice can offer you.

📍 6075 E. Riverside Blvd., Rockford, IL 61114

3. SWEETS and TREATS – Nothing says love quite like chocolates, truffles and cupcakes...that's what we think anyways. Pre-order locally handmade sweets to show your loved ones just how much you care.

Sugar Britches is a cozy, old-fashioned spot in downtown Rockton offering a mixture of gourmet, handmade candies, plus your childhood favorites too.

📍 115 W. Main St., Rockton, IL 61072

TNT Funnel Cakes offers something sweet for any occasion...even just because. These delicious funnel cakes are made from scratch in a wide variety of flavors and are sure to give a wide-eyed reaction when given as a gift.

PRO TIP: You can't go wrong with any flavor, but the Peach Cobbler and Turtle Funnel Cakes are ones to remember.

📍 201 W. State St., Rockford, IL 61101

4. FLOWERS – Tale as old as time – flowers are a great way to surprise and brighten someone's day on Valentine's Day. Giving a uniquely crafted assortment of flowers is also a great way to show your person how well you know them too.

Event Floral has a diversified offering of unique flower and plant arrangements,

balloons and gift items. They also provide convenient delivery service as well.

📍 7302 Rock Valley Parkway, Loves Park, IL 61111

5. GIFTS

FOR THE KIDS

Burpee Museum of Natural History is hosting the Art of the Earth Dinosaur Courtship Event – On Valentine’s Day learn how artists and scientists can work together to create a visual representation of a time on Earth we have never seen before: PaleoArt! Romance isn’t just for humans. Learn about the weird and wonderful ways paleontologists think dinosaurs wowed potential partners.

📍 737 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103

FOR HER

Arch Apothecary is a luxury beauty boutique with exclusive cosmetic and skincare lines. Expert licensed aestheticians and certified cosmetologists create the look that’s perfect for every customer. From everyday eyebrow and lash upkeep to a special makeup application and blowouts before that big night out, Arch Apothecary has all the ways to pamper and make a person feel like their very best.

📍 214 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104


FOR HIM

Culture Shock Clothing and Records was born in 2006 as a Midwest shop to find all-things-unique inspired by music, arts, and culture. Throughout the years, it has evolved into the local headquarters for locally-made/independent-made merchandise and clothing, funky gifts and accessories, kitschy housewares, and best of all VINYL RECORDS. Culture Shock is half boutique and half record store. This locally-owned shop is community-focused and loves to serve this community for years to come.

📍 2239 Charles St., Rockford, IL 61104

FOR YOUR PET

The Canine Crunchery is a bakery providing wholesome, fresh baked treats for your pooch, specializing in baking treats for a variety of dietary needs. Dogs are always welcome!

 1888 Daimler Rd., Rockford, IL 61112

These are just some of our recommendations but for a complete list of things to do and ideas search through your one-stop virtual Rockford region Go Guide at www.gorockford.com!

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