



Lovely Date Ideas

In Full Bloom: The Orchid Exhibit

January 28 - March 5

@ *Nicholas Conservatory*

The annual orchid exhibit is sure to impress with hundreds of tropical orchids creatively displayed in the warm, tropical exhibition area.



Chocolate Sundae Sunday

February 12 @ *Discovery Center Museum*

Enjoy a sundae of your own design, express yourself at the Valentine-creation station, and enjoy the sounds of the Auburn Jazz Band.

Victorian Light Party Murder Mystery

February 18 @ *Tinker Swiss Cottage*

Interact with others as Rose hosts her first Victorian Light party! Unfortunately, no one knows there is a killer in their midst.

An Evening with Kristin Chenoweth and the Rockford Symphony Orchestra

March 1 @ *Coronado Performing Arts Center*

Emmy and Tony Award winning actress and singer, Kristin Chenoweth, will join the RSO for an unforgettable musical evening.



...**Paleofest**

March 4 - 5 @ *Burpee Museum*

Dino enthusiasts flock to the museum to listen to and interact with famous paleontologists and explore hands-on paleo stations in the museum.

Something Sweet

Satisfy your sweet tooth at any one of these Rockford region shops!

Chocolat by Daniel

211 E. State St. (Rockford)

All of the European-style truffles and gourmet chocolates are made fresh to order from the highest quality chocolate.

Sugar Britches

115 W. Main St. (Rockton)

An old-fashioned candy store, Sugar Britches offers a mixture of gourmet, handmade candy plus your childhood favorites.

Sugarjones Bakery

6336 E. Riverside Blvd.

(Loves Park)

Delicious cupcakes made fresh daily with classic flavors served every day and unique flavors introduced weekly.



Sock Monkey Madness Festival

March 4 - 5 @ Midway Village Museum

"Candyland" is the theme at this annual event where you can make your own sock monkey, purchase sock monkey accessories and more!



St. Patrick's Day Parade and PaddyFest

March 11 @ Downtown Rockford

The annual parade celebrating Irish culture makes its way downtown and ends at Prairie Street Brewhouse with a party including Irish food and live entertainment.

Flowers All Around

Colors start to pop in springtime as flowers start to bloom! Visit these local gardens to celebrate the coming of Spring!

La Paloma Gardens

3622 Brookview Rd.

This award-winning garden is full of different "garden pictures" with every turn of the path.

Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum & Gardens

411 Kent St.

The historic home is surrounded by 27 acres of trees, vines, flowerbeds and gardens.

Midway Village Museum

6799 Guilford Rd.

Midway Village has recreated historic gardens in the Victorian Village using 19th century garden designs and heirloom plants.

Womanspace Labyrinth and Gardens

3333 Maria Linden Dr.

The grounds contain several gardens featuring different kinds of flowers and shrubs, many native to Illinois.



.. - Miranda Lambert: Highway Vagabond Tour

March 18 @ BMO Harris Bank Center

Nashville singer/songwriter Miranda Lambert touts five studio albums to her repertoire. The tour also includes singers Aubrie Sellers and Old Dominion.

Meltfest

March 25 @ Prairie Street Brewhouse

Celebrate the melting away of winter and the melting together of the community! There will be live music, a 5K walk/run, group bike ride, vendors and more.



Spring ArtScene

April 21 - 22 @ Various Locations

Spring ArtScene showcases original works of art at different venues across the Rockford region. Meet the artists and be inspired to purchase pieces of art.



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