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What are romantic things to do in Sarasota-Manatee? Here are 20 outdoor places to take a date

Valentine's Day is right around the corner.

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Regardless if you've been married for decades or just began seeing someone special, chances are you could use some interesting date ideas. That's especially true during this seemingly never-ending coronavirus pandemic, with options limited this year as we approach Valentine's Day, the one day of the year you really, really want to bring your A-game ahead of date night.

To assist, we came up with a list of 20 outdoor places to take your date in Sarasota and Manatee counties. We've included romantic spots, sure, but they're

also fun places. And to be honest, even if you're flying solo this dreaded Feb. 14, you can still have a good time at pretty much any one of them.



Bayfront Park

5 Bayfront Drive, Sarasota

Located just across the street from downtown Sarasota, Bayfront Park offers the best waterfront walk in the city, one that's even better since the return of the annual Embracing Our Differences outdoor art exhibit, featuring 50 billboard-sized works. After walking the park, experiencing the free exhibit and admiring all the various watercraft in Sarasota Bay, stop by O'Leary's Tiki Bar & Grill or one of the more upscale restaurants at sister business Marina Jack.