

Date Night

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Date Night

An evening for two, sorted by how far you have to go. Part of [Leisure](#).

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This page holds no notes of its own. It borrows from the six maps and rearranges them around one question — are you staying in, going across town, or leaving town? Decide that first and the rest of the evening plans itself.

Staying Home

The cheapest version, and the one you can still call at five o'clock.

- **Dinner for two** — [Date Night Dinners](#) is this section written out as dishes: eighteen of them, sorted by whether you cook for them, with them, or in ten loud minutes
- **Cook it together** — [Cooking](#) · [easiest ways to cook](#) · [ways to cook](#) · [my recipes](#) · [best recipes for you friends](#)
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Going into Town

Out and back the same day. No bag, no booking beyond a table.

- **Dinner** — [Top Ten Restaurants in Columbus](#) · [Top Ten restaurants by Country](#) · [Dining](#)
- **Cheaper dinner** — [food truck and stands](#) · [sub shops](#)
- **A drink after** — [Local bar](#)
- **Cuisine to aim for** — [Cuisines](#) · [ethnic cuisine](#) · [Italian Cuisine](#) · [Columbus Nepali and Bhutan Food](#)
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- **Making something** — [Columbus Makerspaces](#)
- **Working off dinner** — [recreational activities](#) · [skateparks](#)
- **What else is in the city** — [Columbus, Oh](#)

Going out of Town

A tank of gas or a ticket, and usually a night away.

- **Getting there** — [car rental](#) · [amtrak](#) · [US Airports](#) · [Direct flights](#)
- **Packing** — [travel bag](#)
- **Staying** — [Ohio Hotel and Lodging](#) · [US Hotels and Louging](#) · [tripAdvisor](#) · [KOA](#) for the version with a tent
- **Out in it** — [state parks](#) · [National Park Series](#)
- **A walk with something to look for** — [butterfly](#) · [Ohio Pollinators](#) · [Wild Mushrooms](#)
- **Cities worth the drive** — [Largest Cities in Ohio](#) · [Biggest cities in the Midwest](#) · [Pittsburgh Pennsylvania](#) · [Buffalo, NY](#) · [NYC](#)

By Season

- **Winter** — the indoor half of this page. [Winter Growing](#), [winter cellars](#), long cooking, and [snow](#) for the kit if you go out anyway.
- **Spring** — [Spring Planting](#) and the markets coming back: [Farmers Markets](#).
- **Summer** — [outdoor cooking](#) and [state parks](#).
- **Autumn** — [Wild Mushrooms](#) and leaf-season roads. See [Leaf Season Ridge Walk](#) and [Autumn Harvest Table](#).

- **The dated one** — [Valentine's Day](#). Restaurants are at their busiest that night, so book early or stay home.

Cheap Nights

Staying home costs the groceries and nothing else, which is most of why this page starts there.

- [cheapest meats](#) · [Cheapest Protein and Dry Protein](#)
- [Cheap food that makes sense to order online](#)
- [Garden Meal Prepping](#) — if the ingredients came out of the garden
- Free-to-enter walks: [state parks](#) · [recreational activities](#)

Nearby

- [Meals](#) — the full food map
- [Screens](#) — everything to watch, play, and listen to
- [Places](#) — where to go and how to get there
- [Movement](#) — the active version of the same evening
- [Events](#) · [Calendar](#) — what is already dated
- [Ohio Art Museums](#) · [Ohio Gardens and Arboretums](#) · [Ohio Hiking Trails](#) · [Columbus Farmers Market Guide](#) — the Ohio guides that came out of this page's own .review twin