

Dating Outside the Box

This Valentine's Day, jettison the ordinary for a special day with your sweetie

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Dinner and a movie? No thanks. If you're looking to do something different with your special someone, here's our pick of date ideas to add to your calendar.

AXE THROWING

Tap into your inner lumberjack and throw a dang axe at a wall! If you're like most people, you've never thrown an axe before—an axe master will walk you through the basics. (And the more the merrier!) Order

TAKE A COOKING CLASS

Looking to give your dinner menu some pizzazz? Sign up for a class at Sur La Table, from classic Italian dishes to American comfort food, seasonal favorites and desserts. You might just find your new go-to recipe. Afterward, hop over to your favorite bar in Mizner Park for a nightcap. **Sur La Table Mizner Park, 438 Plaza Real, Boca Raton; 561/953-7638; surlatable.com**

BOWLING

This may have been your date of choice in middle school, and that's exactly the point. Whether you're known for bowling strike after strike or throwing gutter balls like it's your job, enjoy the friendly competition over a beer and corn dog nuggets—all without the supervision of a parent this time around. **Strikes@Boca, 21046 Commercial Trail, Boca Raton; 561/368-2177; strikes-bocaraton.com**



Generating some heat

BLACKSMITHING

The most fun things to do as a couple include ones you've both never done before, so hear us out. Once a month, The Guild hosts forging nights for couples to create items like bottle openers, heart key chains and other keepsakes that'll store the memories of the evening in your own home. **The Guild, 205 N.W. 16th St., Pompano Beach; 954/998-3473; guildfl.com**

CATCH LIVE MUSIC

At Voltaire, nix the big arenas and explore new music from acts in your own neighborhood. Discover local bands in digs inspired by a speakeasy while imbibing drinks from the bar and sushi from a pop-up in the back. **526 Clematis St., West Palm Beach; 561/408-5603; sub-culture.org/voltaire**

WATCH THE SUN RISE

Set your alarm, pack a towel and head over to the beach with your sweetie at dawn. Heck, fill a tumbler with mimosas while you're at it. It doesn't get more romantic than that. **South Beach Park, 400 N. A1A, Boca Raton; 561/393-7810**



Axe-ing for trouble

a round of beer—or mead—for the whole gang. **Game of Axes, 12550 S. Military Trail, Boynton Beach; 561/617-0120; gameofaxes.com**



Cooking something up together