



Date Night: Classic Penn State

WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED DATING VETERAN OR JUST STARTING OUT, HAPPY VALLEY IS FULL OF UNIQUE DATE DESTINATIONS. ALIPRESCOTT FOUND TWO WITH SERIOUS PENN STATE SPIRIT.

†The dating game can be confusing. How do you figure out what you want to do when you've already hit up the party circuit and are tired of watching movies? Where should you take him after you've already been to the Creamery, Diner and Corner Room?

The trick is to take advantage of Penn State's lesser-known date spots.

Two such spots are the Arboretum and Whisker's in the Nittany Lion Inn. Be sure to bring your flats, ladies, because this date requires a stroll.

To start off, the Arboretum offers gorgeous scenes to set a romantic mood—especially when the leaves change colors. The H.O. Smith Botanic Gardens are also a popular destination for Penn State students. The Arboretum is located on the opposite side of Park Ave. from campus, and is next to the Katz building.

The Gardens are open every day from dawn until dusk and it is free to walk through them. The Botanic Gardens have many sections, like the Oasis Garden, which has a lotus pool, and the Rose and Fragrance Garden, which is perfect for a date-night stroll.

After the romantic mood is set, make the move to Whisker's in the Nittany Lion Inn.

Luckily for you, this is just a few blocks away from Arboretum. Whisker's is located in the back of the

inn—and not many students actually know that it's there!

"It's very popular with the public and Penn State alumni since we get a lot of business during Penn State events. However, most students don't know Whisker's even exists, so we don't attract a lot of younger kids," says Marissa Ferraraccio.

Ferraraccio (senior, advertising and public relations) has been a waitress at the restaurant for almost two years and has seen many people visit and order Whisker's favorites.

"Some of the popular items are definitely our famous lobster bisque and the Nittany Lion Inn burger with Whisker fries," says Ferraraccio. "There's also the Cobb salad and our quesadillas in addition to Creamery Ice Cream and Creamery Cocktails."

These items don't bust the bank either. The Nittany Lion Inn burger comes with a side of fries and only costs \$10. Quesadillas are another favorite and start at \$9. Ferraraccio says that another popular choice is the baked mac and cheese, which only costs \$9 and comes with two side dishes.

And if you're feeling a little full after dinner, you can always take another stroll! That's the beauty of dating on campus: You're never short on cute date destinations.

Counterclockwise from top right: The Arboretum, Nittany Lion Inn, The Arboretum, Whisker's at the Nittany Lion Inn, outdoor seating at the Nittany Lion Inn.

