



Below you will find detail maps of the main parts of Lincoln's "Theater District." Shown below are the Starship 9, 1311 Q St., the Douglas 3 Theatre, 1300 P St., The Stuart Theatre, 13th and P streets and the Cinema 1 & 2, 201 N. 13th St. Not shown below, and in the area, is the Lincoln Theatre, 1145 P St., and the Plaza 4 Theatres, 201 N. 12th St.

Also in the area and close to campus are several restaurants, ranging from fine dining to fast food.

Nearby O Street is lined with shops, restaurants and bars -- too many to list here.

Cheap dates made easy: Entertainment options don't stop with just dinner, movie

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On a quick survey of a few UNL couples, not one said they ever do anything with their boyfriend or girlfriend except going out to eat or to the movies.

The common response seems to be, "We don't go out anywhere."

Whatever reasons they may have, it surely isn't that there's nothing to do in Lincoln, or that the students are almost broke. There are several of cheap or free things to do that could make interesting and fun dates.

Culture abounds around UNL with the Sheldon Memorial Art

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Gallery, and Morrill Hall, which are free with a student ID.

Mueller Planetarium, inside the museum, features both astronomy and laser light shows set to popular music. Admission prices depend on the show, but costs usually hover around \$4 with a student ID.

Performances at the Lied Center for Fine and Performing Arts can sometimes get costly. They are cheaper for UNL students than the general public, however, and are often worth the money.

In downtown Lincoln, there are plenty of the standard student hangouts: movie theatres, bars and coffee shops. But there's a lot more to do than that.

Pershing Auditorium almost always has something going on. It hosts athletic events, concerts, flea markets and other things of interest.

Across the street is the state Capitol Building, which anyone can take a free tour through.

The historic Haymarket district has unique stores with everything from antiques to art for window shopping. There are also the remains of an old train station to explore.

Lazlo's Brewery and Grill, also in the area, gives free tours of their brewing facilities. The tour lasts about 15 minutes, with an opportunity to buy samples at the end.

Annual seasonal activities occur downtown all year as well, such as Haymarket Heydays, Husker Hoops, the July Jam, Oktoberfest and occasional street dances.

People interested in outside activities will not be a loss for something to do either.

Sunken Gardens is a scenic spot with fountains and flowers around benches and pathways. Near-by is the Folsom Children's Zoo, which charges \$3.50 for admission for the day. Food for the animals costs only a quarter, and train or pony rides are \$1.25 each.

Holmes Lake is a popular spot year-round. Fishing, boating, baseball, sand volleyball and picnics are almost always going on while the weather is warm.

After the first snowfall, sledders rush to the lake for the chance to go down a large hill by the embankment.

Branched Oak and Pawnee Lakes are located in communities surrounding Lincoln and have swimming areas, which Holmes Lake does not, but a day or seasonal permit from the Nebraska Parks and Games Commission is required.