



THE WILDERNESS CENTER

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Winning story of 2009 Most Romantic Story Contest

Our date takes place on Easter in 1977.

My boyfriend Bill, had to work that day, like any other day of the week. We liked the outdoors and nature. So many of our dates were ice-skating, hiking, picnics and things like that. So our plan was to go to The Wilderness Center and then go eat somewhere. When he picked me up in his truck he had an Easter Basket for me. As I started looking at all of the “goodies”, I see something shiny in one of the white chocolate bunnies. AN ENGAGEMENT RING! I started to get emotional and since we weren’t out of the driveway yet, we went back into the house so my parents could see it. After many hugs and handshaking we started again for The Wilderness Center., where Bill had planned to propose to me since we went there a lot. It was there that he did “officially” ask me to marry him (because he hadn’t really done it yet) and of course I “officially” said “yes”. We walked the path that took us near the creek and talked of our future plans.

We were married in October of that same year in a small country church and are still married.,

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