

D.H. Lawrence Memorial

❁ D.H. LAWRENCE RANCH ❁



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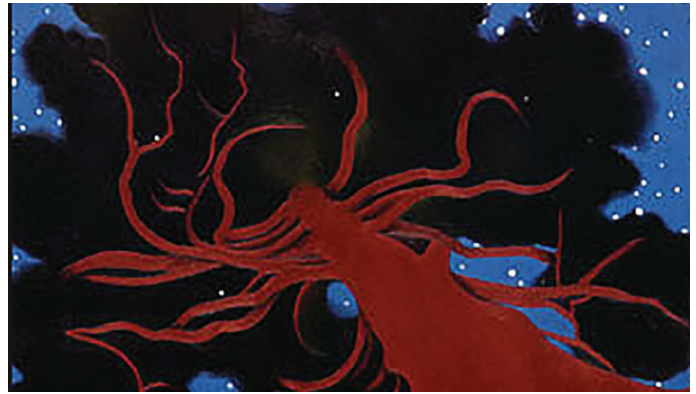


Fostering Educational Opportunities, Preserving a Legacy

A Brief History of the D.H. Lawrence Ranch

D.H. Lawrence was an English novelist, poet, playwright, essayist, literary critic and painter. He is most known for his novels *Sons and Lovers*, *The Rainbow*, *Women in Love*, and *Lady Chatterley's Lover*. He and his wife, Frieda, lived abroad for many years, moving from Britain to Australia, Italy, Mexico, France, and the United States. During their visits to New Mexico, Mabel Dodge Luhan gave the Lawrences what is now known as the D.H. Lawrence Ranch outside of Taos, NM in 1924.

Even though Lawrence only spent a total of 15-months at the ranch, Frieda called it home for 26 years after her husband's death. Both Lawrence and Frieda are buried at the ranch, just 100 yards from the cabin where they lived. Throughout their combined time at the ranch, they established a tradition of hospitality, especially to creative individuals. During their lifetime,



"The Lawrence Tree" by Georgia O'Keeffe

the ranch's guests included Aldous Huxley, W.H. Auden, Georgia O'Keeffe, Stephen Spender, Tennessee Williams, and Leonard Bernstein among many others.

Frieda Lawrence bequeathed the property to the University of New Mexico in 1955 and the D.H. Lawrence Ranch was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2004. The site remains an area of interest for D.H. Lawrence enthusiasts as well as writers, historians, researchers and scholars worldwide.

A Vision for the Future

The D.H. Lawrence Ranch has the potential to become the arts center and retreat of the southwest. The vision is to build a visitor's center and other facilities so that the ranch can be used for educational and cultural activities as well as scholar and artist residencies. The 160-acre ranch could offer numerous programs ranging from anthropological field school to art studio courses,



Interior Dorothy Brett Cabin

biology workshops to literature workshops, water resource programs to sustainability study courses.

Your investment will help restore historic structures, upgrade the property, and construct new facilities allowing the ranch to host these envisioned activities and programs.

We need your help to ensure the property is preserved for future generations and is updated to foster educational, artistic, and cultural activities for students, scholars and many others. There are numerous gift opportunities to support the D.H. Lawrence Ranch and its initiatives. Your gift will advance educational opportunities and preserve the D.H. Lawrence legacy in New Mexico.

You can make a gift online at www.unmfund.org/fund/dhlawrenceranch/

For more information about giving opportunities, please contact Jeff MacNutt, Senior Director of Development for the University of New Mexico's College of Arts & Sciences, at (505) 410-3117 or Jeffrey.MacNutt@unmfund.org

Major Ranch Projects

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION
New Pavilion	Construct a new covered meeting pavilion for 100+ people with restrooms and picnic tables.
Restore the Historic Caretaker's Cabin for Conversion to Historic Visitor's Center	Restore the historic cabin built by Frieda and Angelo Ravagli in 1933 where they lived until 1956 which is also used as the Ranch caretaker's residence; and convert it to a Historic Visitor's Center furnished with historic furniture and artifacts.
New Ranch Manager's Cabin	Build a new cabin for manager to live onsite. The manager will oversee Ranch maintenance and provide security for the Ranch.
Restore Fellowship Cabin	Restore the D.H. Lawrence Fellowship cabin to enable a writer to live and work in residence for up to 6 months.
Restore Barns & Corral	Restore the historic barns that Lawrence worked on and were used for horses and cattle; one barn is now in danger of collapse.
Demolition of Los Alamos Cabins	Removal of 15 cabins that were relocated to the Ranch in the 1960s from the Los Alamos Laboratory. These cabins are located in an area of the property known as Kiowa Village.
Demolition of the Lobo Lodge	Remove the double Quonset hut which was used for classes and small conferences but is now considered structurally unsound.
New Education Center	Construct a new 4,000 square foot building with restrooms and meeting rooms/classrooms.
New Event & Residency Cabins	Construct new cabins for Ranch events & residencies with 1 or 2 bedrooms, living area, kitchen and bathroom.
New Lodging Cabins	Construct new cabins for sleeping quarters, 30 cabins are envisioned.
New Amphitheater	New partially covered 200 seat amphitheater for performances & lectures.
New Lobo Lodge	New Lobo Lodge for dormitory style lodging for 100 people, with bathrooms, a dining room and several meeting rooms.
Lobo Lodge kitchen	New addition to the Lobo Lodge for onsite food preparation to feed 200 people.



Visitors Under the Lawrence Tree

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