

# The D.H. Lawrence Trail

Explore Lawrence's Eastwood in this walk around the town, that takes you past all the homes that the Lawrence family lived in, as well as other significant sites.

The walk is roughly a mile and a half and should take between 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete.

Along the way there are information signs, which tell you more about the significance of each site.

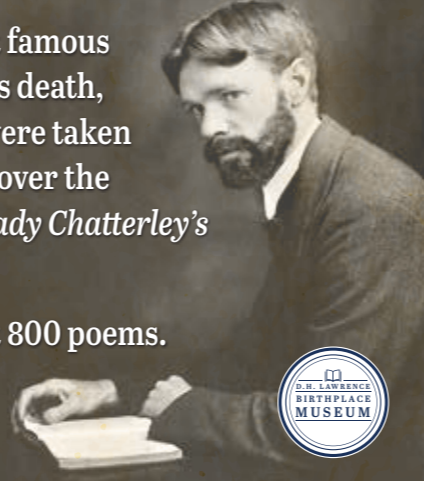
To get the most from the walk, use your smartphone to scan the QR codes on the signs to learn more about each stopping point, as well as watch videos from Lawrence experts offering more insights into their significance. The QR codes are also included in this guide.



# 5 Facts about D.H. Lawrence (1885-1930)

- 1 He enjoyed making marmalade.
- 2 His book *The Rainbow* was banned and burned by the public executioner in 1915.
- 3 No one knows for certain what happened to his remains.
- 4 He became most famous 30 years after his death, when Penguin were taken to court in 1960 over the publication of *Lady Chatterley's Lover*.
- 5 He wrote almost 800 poems.

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## Enjoyed this walking tour?

We run monthly Wellbeing Walks where you can enjoy the outdoors, explore the local area, learn about Lawrence and local heritage and meet people.

Find out more, along with details about the events and exhibitions taking place inside the museum at [www.broxtowe.gov.uk/exhibitionsandevents](http://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/exhibitionsandevents)



## More information

The D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum is on hand to answer your D.H. Lawrence related questions.

**Address:** 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, Nottingham, NG16 3AW.

**Opening times:** Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10.00am until 4.00pm.

**Booking:** There is no need to book in advance for Self-Led Admission; Guided Tours must be booked in advance.

## The D.H. Lawrence Festival

The D.H. Lawrence Festival is a six-week programme of cultural events during August and September each year, which celebrate Lawrence himself, as well as art, music, heritage, literature and community.

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Discover D.H. Lawrence's childhood homes and other places which inspired his life and works.

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**Interactive Walking Tour**  
1.5 miles / 45mins - 1 hour



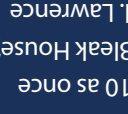
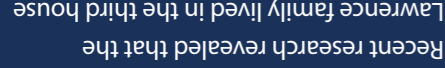
**6 Eastwood Library**  
Wellington Pl, Eastwood, Nottingham NG16 3GB

The library is worth a visit to view the large Lawrence and local history collection. It also houses a collection of Lawrence books owned by one of Lawrence's friends, Willie Hopkin, a poet, philosopher, social reformer and historian.



**8 Walker Street**  
8 Walker St, Eastwood, Nottingham NG16 3EH

Recent research revealed that the Lawrence family lived in the third house from the right, No. 8, not No. 10 as once thought. To Lawrence it was Bleak House, where his brother Ernest died. Lawrence said that he knew the view from this house "better than any in the world".

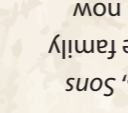
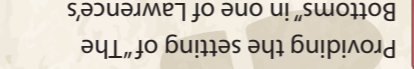
**7 Lynncroft and British School**  
97 Lynncroft, NG16 3ER

The fourth Lawrence family home, which they lived in from 1905 - 1911. Moving to Lynncroft was a symbol of the family's improving social status. Lawrence's mother died in the house in 1910, which had a lasting impact on him. The viewing point shows you what Lawrence described as "The country of my heart".

**6 Breach House**  
28 Garden Rd, Eastwood, Nottingham NG16 3FW

Providing the setting of "The Bottoms" in one of Lawrence's most well-known novels, *Sons and Lovers*, the Lawrence family moved here in 1887. It is now managed by a trust; the downstairs of the house is now an authentic re-creation of a typical miners' dwelling and can be visited on open days or by special arrangement.

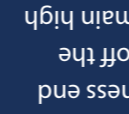
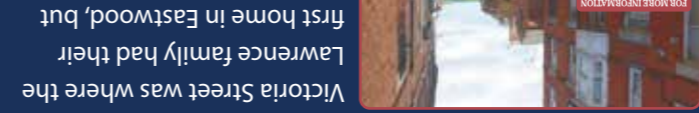
**5 Congregational Chapel and British School**  
55-57 Nottingham Rd, Eastwood, Nottingham NG16 3AL

This site, now an Iceland supermarket, is where Eastwood's Lawrence family were frequent attendees of the chapel, and it was here that Lawrence first met Jessie Chambers. The Gothic Revival Style Congregational Chapel stood. The chapel was also an important place for Lawrence, from meeting there as part of the literary society, to teaching at the school.




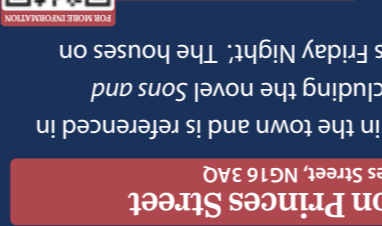

**4 Eastwood Town**  
7 Victoria Street, NG16 3AW

Victoria Street was where the Lawrence family had their first home in Eastwood, but it was also the business end of town, being just off the busiest part of the main high street. Nottingham Road had a wide range of shops including haberdasheries, bakers, a chemist and a Post Office. Victoria Street had a Hansom cab business and a greengrocer. Small wonder that Lydia had the inspiration to turn her parlour window into a shop selling lace and linens.

**3 Houses on Princes Street**  
Princes Street, NG16 3AQ

Mining was a huge influence in the town and is referenced in many of Lawrence's works, including the novel *Sons and Lovers*, and the play 'A Collier's Friday Night'. The houses on Princes Street were built by the local colliery company, Barber, Walker & Co., for their workers. Lawrence's own father Arthur was a miner. Stand at the viewing point to see the former pit-heap (now landscaped) in the distance.

**2 Eastwood Mechanics' Institute**  
24 Mansfield Rd, Eastwood, Nottingham NG16 3AQ

Lawrence visited the library at the Mechanics' Institute on a weekly basis during his teens. It was an important place for both him and his first girlfriend, Jessie Chambers, and the exposure to literature it provided influenced his future work. The building is now Phoenix Cue Sports and has a function room to rent at the back, aptly named 'The Library Bar'.




**1 The D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum**  
8a Victoria Street, NG16 3AW

D.H. Lawrence was born in this property on 1 September 1885. He lived here until 1887 with his parents, Arthur and Lydia and three of his four siblings. It was founded as a museum in 1976 and is now owned and managed by Broxtowe Borough Council, offering guided and self-guided tours, as well as outreach work to help the Lawrence legacy live on.




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## OTHER PLACES TO VISIT

If you'd like to find out more about Lawrence and the times in which he lived, there are a number of other sites of significance that you may wish to visit.

... within walking distance

### Durban House

Mansfield Road, NG16 3DZ  
Durban House was built in 1896, for the Barber, Walker & Co. mining company. It was the wages offices for Brinsley Colliery, the colliery where D.H. Lawrence's father worked, and is where a young Lawrence would call and collect his father's pay packet.



### The Sun Inn

6 Derby Road, NG16 3NT  
Built in the early 1750s, the Sun Inn served as the daily arrival point for the Nottingham - Manchester coach. A meeting held here in 1832 by local dignitaries led to the decision to build a railway line to facilitate the transport of coal. The line evolved into what is now the Midland Railway.



... a short drive away

### The countryside of Hags Farm

Felley Mill Lane, Underwood, NG16 5GT  
While Hags Farm, home of the Chambers family, is not available to access, the beautiful surrounding countryside is Lawrence's literary landscape, featuring in many of his works including *The White Peacock*.



### Beauvale Board School

1 Beauvale, Newthorpe, NG16 2EZ  
D.H. Lawrence was a pupil at this school from 1889 to 1898, including his early years in the infants' school. The building, now Grade II listed, is a well-preserved example of a late 19th-century board school.



## Other Tours

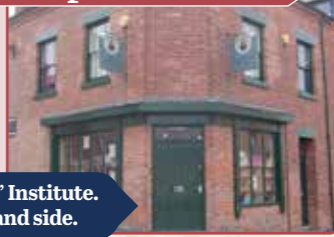
Hear an audio tour of this trail or experience D.H. Lawrence like never before with our new Augmented Reality Tour.

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### 1 The D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Mueum

"...the flat fronted red brick house in Victoria Street" where Lawrence was born in 1885.



Approx. 1.5 mins walk to Mechanics' Institute. Look for the sign on your right-hand side.

### 2 Eastwood Mechanics' Institute

The building contained a small library which was visited weekly by Lawrence in his teens.



Approx. 0.5 min walk to Princes Street

### 3 Princes Street

Mining heritage can be seen in the workers houses, built by the local Colliery company, as well as views of the former pit-heap.



Approx. 5 mins walk to Eastwood Town. From Princes Street turn around and go back up the hill, turning left when you reach the main Nottingham Road. The Eastwood Town sign is then at the top of Victoria Street, the next turning on the left.

### 9 Eastwood Library

Home to a large D.H. Lawrence collection



Eastwood Library

### 4 Eastwood Town

The heart of the Eastwood town that Lawrence would have known so well.



Go back on to Nottingham Road, then approx. 2 mins walk to Congregational Chapel and British School sign.

You will see 8 Walker Street just ahead on the left-hand side. Approx. 7 mins walk to Eastwood Library.



One of the Lawrence's family homes and site of one of Lawrence's favourite views of the local area.

### 8 Walker Street

Continue up the hill to see the house, number 97. Then turn and go back down the hill, turning left and crossing over when you reach Walker Street. Approx. 5 mins walk to Walker Street sign.

Site of the fourth Lawrence family home and where Lawrence's mother died.



### Lynncroft

Approx. 12 mins walk to Lynncroft sign (steep incline). Continue walking straight up Lynncroft until you reach the Lynncroft sign on your right-hand side.



### 6 Breach House

Setting for "The Bottoms" in Lawrence's novel, *Sons and Lovers*.

Approx. 12 mins walk to Breach House. At the bottom of Atherfield Gardens, take the alley way on right, just after No 14. The Breach House sign is just inside the gate of the property.



### 5 Congregational Chapel and British School

Site of the former Congregational Chapel, often attended by the Lawrence family on Sundays.

