



101 Pike Street Location of the Special Edition Cynthiana Cover

This view is the location of the special edition cover of the first issue of The Walking Dead Comic by artist Tony Moore. Tony spent a whole day in town to find the exact location for the cover.

Walking Dead Day fun fact: at 10am the morning of the festival, a cattle trailer pulled up to this spot and with the sound of the city emergency siren, released 30+ "walkers" onto the streets of the festival.



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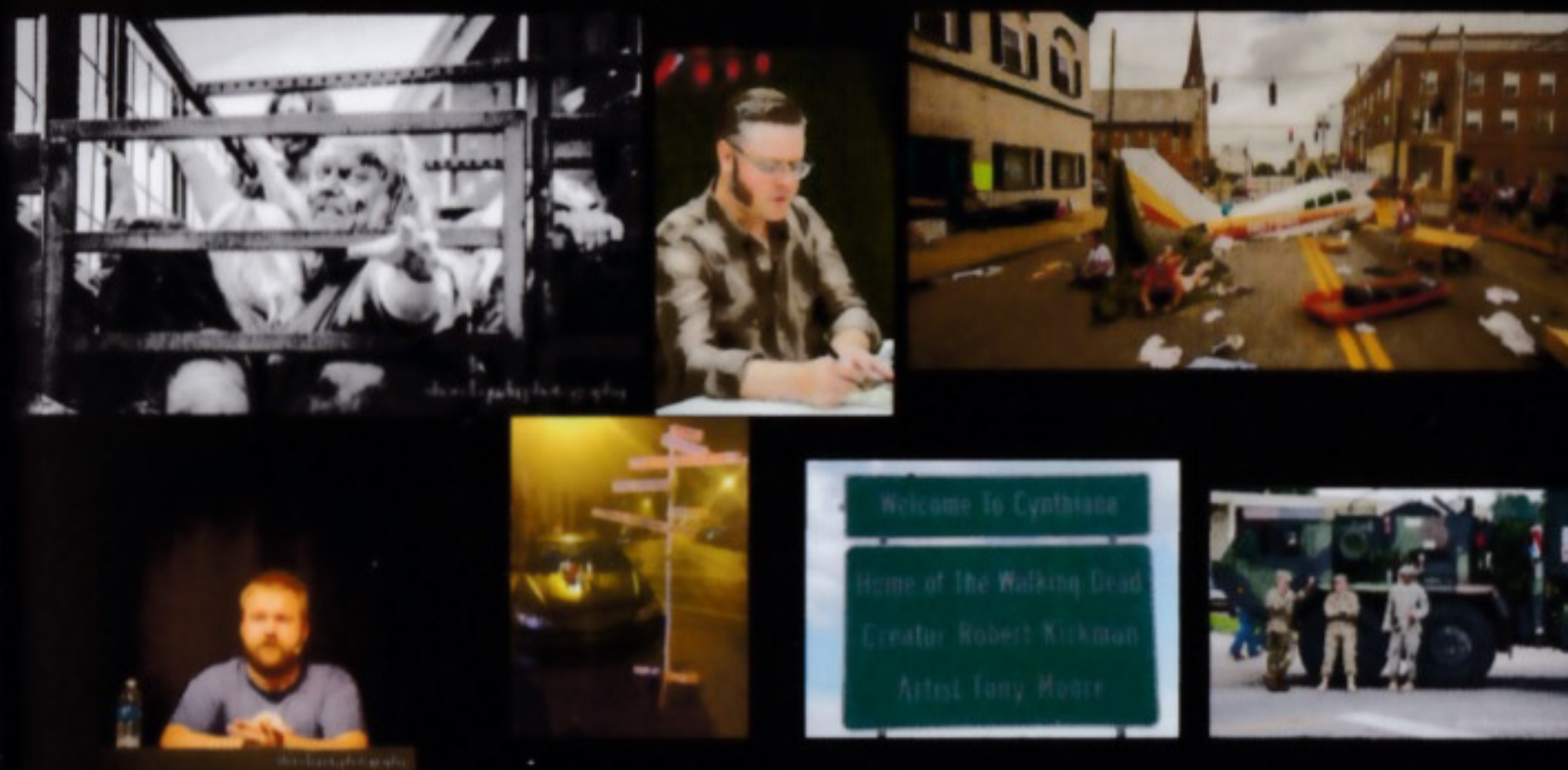


The Walking Dead Mural

South Walnut Street

This massive mural was completed in July of 2016 by international mural artist Sergio Odeith. The mural took around five days to complete. It features Rick, Carl, Michonne and Darryl. Although Darryl is not featured in the comic, he is a leading favorite in the tv show on AMC. To our knowledge, this is the largest known Walking Dead mural in the world!

Walking Dead Day August 6, 2016



The Cynthiana Walking Dead Location Map

Cynthiana, Kentucky is the hometown of Rick Grimes in the comic book series, The Walking Dead. The police station that Rick and his partner Shane worked at pre-apocalypse is located here, and so is the hospital that Rick stayed at during his coma. Cynthiana is the setting of the entire first issue in the comic series.

Series creator Robert Kirkman and original artist for the comic Tony Moore hail from right here in Cynthiana. They both attended high school here and have family that still live in the area.

In 2016, Cynthiana hosted the one time event, The Walking Dead Day. 10,000 special edition Cynthiana first issues of the comic were given away, with free meet and greets with both Robert Kirkman and Tony Moore. There was also a costume contest, Q and A with Robert, a mobile Walking Dead Museum and an interactive shuttle tour. The entire downtown was shut down and made to look like an apocalypse had occurred, complete with overturned cars, boarded up windows, a crashed airplane, the National Guard and more. Over 30,000 people were in attendance. This guide is your personal tour of the locations featured in the Comic.



Harrison Memorial Hospital

1210 KY. Highway 36 East

In the beginning of the first issue of the comic, the main character, Rick Grimes, is wounded in an altercation as a deputy with the Cynthiana Police Department. He is taken to Harrison Memorial Hospital where he awakens from a coma in room 251. (Room 251 did exist in the hospital before the remodel in 2016). Grimes stumbles around the hospital to the cafeteria, where we see the famous "Don't Open, Dead Inside" written on the doors. This is Rick's first encounter with the dead.

*For Walking Dead Day, the hospital held a tour of the route Rick took in the hospital, beginning in room 251. The lights flickered in the abandoned hallway littered with trash and bloody hand prints. The tour led down to the cafeteria as well. Due to the renovations of the hospital that year, they were able to make the tour as realistic and relatable to the comics as possible.

Rick's Neighborhood

Around the area of 110 Elmarch Avenue

Rick makes his way to his neighborhood from the hospital after he finds an abandoned bicycle and desiccated corpse of a still living zombie character. (This character is said to be loosely based on the locally known celebrity named Harmon, who can be seen riding his bicycle through town daily). Robert Kirkman says the neighborhood in the comic is based on Elmarch Avenue. (The street is the first intersection that you come to once you leave the hospital.) Finding that his family has fled, Rick decides to leave Cynthiana to find his family, which he thinks has traveled to Atlanta to Lori's (his wife's) family.

Police Station

104 E. Pleasant Street

Rick decides to stop by the Police Station to stock up on ammo and guns before he leaves for Atlanta.

This location was the Cynthiana Police Department until it relocated in 2006. Before the remodel in 2012 of the city hall gym, the appearance in the comic was almost exactly like the building in real life. During the Walking Dead Day, the tour stopped at this location where a Cynthiana Police Cruiser was set up with the original decals and special Cynthiana Police cloth patches were sold.