



Mollie O'Neil

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Mollie O'Neil is a conservation leader, educator, and storyteller who specializes in creating transformative experiences that connect people with nature. As the Director of Community Partnerships in Conservation at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, Mollie leads innovative programs that bring together scientists, communities, students, and partners to advance coexistence strategies for people and wildlife- from migratory bird conservation and pollinator habitat creation to working with local breweries and other businesses to inspire conservation action. With a background in zoology, communications, and conservation psychology, Mollie's passion lies in unlocking people's sense of wonder. She has spent more than a decade designing programs that make conservation personal and accessible, and empowering thousands of youth and adults to engage meaningfully with the natural world. She taught courses for Miami University's Project Dragonfly Master's Program, facilitating international field experiences in places like Namibia, Costa Rica and Baja, and brings a unique blend of scientific understanding, cultural curiosity, humor, and deep care for people and nature. She strives for travel experiences to be joyful, perspective-shifting, and filled with rich conversation. Above all, Mollie loves creating opportunities for participants to make lifelong memories, and connect with each other and the ecosystems that make our planet extraordinary.