

"The trail is presently unmarked, unimproved, and crosses through private lands in which cattle ranching operations are ongoing. Without a knowledgeable guide, it is not possible to follow and stay on the trail without potentially trespassing onto the private ranch lands, placing hikers at personal risk. It is furthermore not constructed and maintained to Na Ala Hele trail standards and there are no parking areas or other amenities. For these reasons, the department does not recommend that the trail be used.

Development of the bridle trail as a Na Ala Hele program trail would require a significant investment in survey, planning, environmental compliance, and construction. The department does not currently have funds available to complete that work and does not anticipate such funds in the near future. The Na Ala Hele trails program is currently experiencing budget shortfalls and is unable to adequately maintain the current suite of program trails on the district. Numerous trails are in need of maintenance and some are closed for safety reasons. Adequate maintenance of popular existing and heavily used trails is the district's priority at this time.

The department is interested in working with partners to improve trails and access and would be happy to enter into discussions with interested parties to establish terms for use of the bridle trail. Until such cooperative agreements are established, however, the district does not plan to improve the trail or provide for use, and does not recommend that the trail be used."