Geology Trail, 0.6 mile: The most rigorous hike in the sanctuary, the extremely varied and steep Geology Trail begins in the meadow just north of the cellar hole and, proceeding clockwise, winds through coniferous woods to Robinhood Cove, parallels the eastern shore of the cattail marsh, and returns to the meadow.

Rocky End Trail, 1.25 mile: Branching off from the Geology Trail near the cattail marsh and featuring beautiful views of marshes, mud flats, and the cove’s rocky shore, proceeding counterclockwise, the Rocky End Trail takes you through the deciduous forest in the center of the property and then winds back along the East Branch of Robinhood Cove to rejoin with the Geology Trail not far from the meadow.

Horseshoe Trail and Cabin Trail, 0.75 mile: Beginning at the southern end of the meadow, the Horseshoe Trail offers a short spur to a beautiful small waterfall and brook before turning eastward and joining the Rocky End Trail after half a mile, at which point you can either cut back on the interior portion of the Rocky End Trail (an old haul road) and follow its coastal leg back to the meadow, or continue to follow the short Cabin Trail into the deciduous forested interior of the sanctuary, to the ruins of a small cabin high on a ledge. Combined with the interior leg of the Rocky End Trail, this trail provides the easiest walking on the sanctuary.
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