

Beaver

Driving north on State Route 42
between Woodbourne and Grahamsville, NY
I cross “Beaver Dam Road,” remember
another “Beaver Dam Road”
near the old house in Bellport, Long Island,
where I used to visit in-laws.
Isn't that interesting, I think to myself,
two roads with the same name
in New York State.

A few miles further
and a beaver crosses the highway
in front of my car
(no mistaking that tail).
Perhaps some mysterious force
is at work in the universe today?

I become certain of it
later that morning after
hiking for an hour (give or take)
on the Kanape Brook Trail
from the parking area
on Peekamoose Road,
when I come to an open space
in the forest canopy and spy
a beaver dam.

Wow! I decide.
This must be my very own
Day of the Beaver!

Damn!

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