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Greek and Roman Sundials

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Stick shadow
Typical Dials
Forum
Stadium
Theatre
Making a Hemicyculium dial

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Theatre of Dionysos, Athens
Sun's path

- north celestial pole
- meridian
- Sun's path on June 21
- Sun's path on Mar. 21 & Sept. 21
- Sun's path on Dec. 21

23°
Example dials
Calasparra restaurato
Pompei menandro prima
Augusta Raurica sundial
Pompei foro
Pompei foro
Modern Hemicyclygium Dial
1998 Christ Church
The gods confound the man who first found out
How to distinguish hours! Confound him, too,
Who in this place set up a sun-dial,
To cut and hack my days so wretchedly
Into small portions. When I was a boy,
My belly was my sun-dial; one more sure,
Truer, and more exact than any of them.
This Dial told me when I had aught to eat,
But now-a-days, why, even when I have,
I can’t fall-to, unless the sun give leave.
The town’s so full of these confounded dials,
The greatest part of its inhabitants,
Shrunken up with hunger, creep along the streets.

Maccius Plautus (c. 250 – 184 BC)