North American Sundial Society

Policy on Cookies

GDPR - What is it?

The North American Sundial Society is a not for profit 501-3(c) organization dedicated to sundial education (as part of STEM), the art of dialing, and the history of gnomonics. We respect your privacy and provide transparency of the use of your personal data in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) of the European Union that went into effect 25 May, 2018. https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32016R0679&from=EN

What is a cookie?

A cookie is a small field of letters and numbers that we temporarily store on your browser and will be remembered by your computer and stored on your hard drive.
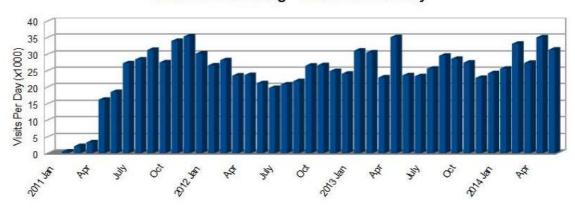
What does our cookie do?

Our website uses cookies, as do almost all modern websites, to distinguish you from other users and remember you during your visit. These are sometimes called session cookies. This helps us to provide a good experience when you browse our website. Our cookies:

- Provide an anonymous code to distinguish you from other users
- Temporarily remember website settings such as font style, font size, and primary language
- Temporarily use technical information such as browser and operating system to format window content.

Is our cookie safe?

We do not use tracking cookies nor targeting cookies for advertising. We do log the pages visited and articles selected as part of our evaluation of analytic performance. Our server logs the number of visits per hour and network domains (.net, .com, .uk, etc.) Here is an example of the long-term visit statistics we keep at https://sundials.org

Visits to Sundials.org - Thousands Per Day

How to protect yourself from malicious cookies

You can block cookies by activating the setting on your browser that allows you to refuse the setting of some or all cookies. We suggest consulting the Help section of your browser or visiting About Cookies website or The Security Skeptic which offer guidance for protecting modern browsers and operating systems. However, if you use your browser settings to block all cookies (including essential session cookies such as ours) you may not get full functionality from our website. **By using the NASS website, you agree to our use of cookies.**

When you transfer to an outside website, you are leaving the NASS domain, and NASS information management policies no longer apply. NASS encourages you to read the privacy statement of each external website that you visit before you provide any personal data. Some of those sites may have tracking cookies that NASS does not control.

It may be that your concerns of cookies relate to so called "spyware" and "tracking". Rather than switching off cookies in your browser you may find that anti-spyware software achieves the same end by automatically deleting cookies considered to be invasive. Anti-spyware software is available from sources such as Spy Bot - Search and Destroy and Norton-Symantec. Cookie management extensions for the **Firefox** browser (highly recommended) that destruct cookies after browsing sessions are available at Mozilla Firefox Addons.

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