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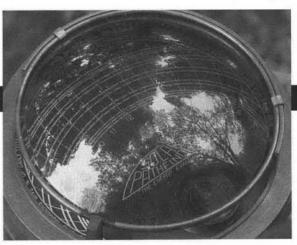
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Whether measured as available direct solar radiation or as direct photon flux density, the amount of light reaching the ground is essential information for those interested in restoring the understories of savannas and woodlands. On page 161, Steve Swenson and Rich Beilfuss report on two ways of measuring light intensity—the low-tech SolarPathfinder and the high-tech, computer-aided analysis of hemispherical photographs. It appears from their experiment that the SolarPathfinder (above) may be the more economical and expedient way to analyze light intensity at a given woodland or savanna site. Photo by Rich Beilfuss

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