

### Prickly Pears

During your travels to the southwestern part of the United States, it is possible that you'll encounter an odd little prickle covered fruit or vegetable. It is called a prickly pear and comes from a cactus. In Albuquerque, New Mexico you will see many rock gardens filled with gravel and dotted with flower and prickly pear covered cacti. Most people pickle their prickly pears or serve them up in salads. Sometimes sugar, honey, lime juice and various pieces of cut fruits are combined with prickly pears to make a delicious fruit salad. If this sounds good to you, get out your shovel and make your own rock garden from which you can pick fresh prickly pears.