Spinning

Tail. Spin fishing is popular on the larger rivers, generally including Hare and Copper, Halfback Nymph, and Pheasant spring creeks due to the clarity of the water. Popular dry flies of large trout.

Waihou River:

Oraka Stream:

A large spring-fed stream with several stretches providing good fishing opportunities. Access to the lower reaches is generally difficult but there is some reasonable fishing water near Putaruru via Okoroire Road and downstream from Taumangai Road. There is no public access so make sure you ask the landowner.

Oraka Stream:

Popular small streams include the Ngutuwera and Dukeson Roads. These "spring creeks" are very abundant with about 1000 fish per kilometre and late in the season can often hold large trout.

Waikato River:

Local regulations should be adhered to when angling on the Waikato River. The river consists of bedrock, gravel, and pumic sands, and is very abundant with about 1000 fish per kilometre and late in the season can often hold large trout.

Waimakariri Stream:

The Waimakariri is a large spring-fed stream with a reputation for holding huge numbers of small trout, nevertheless there are good fish present for anglers willing to put in the effort.

Waimakariri Stream:

Downstream from State Highway 5, the Waimakariri meanders across open farm land providing easy fishing opportunities. Public access is provided by an esplanade reserve that extends from SH 5 down stream on both banks for about 2 kilometres. Access can also be gained from Somere Road where private farm roads provide access to an extensive length of good water.

Waikou Stream:

A popular river, highly valued by anglers, with an abundant trout population and good public access in the upper reaches.

Waiomou Stream:

The lower reaches can be accessed from Tauranga Road. Downstream from Tauranga Road there is no public access and permission should be obtained from landowner of Tauranga Road or SH 26-Archer Road. This section is not usually fished but holds an attractive sequence of pools and riffles. Upstream from Tauranga Road, there is no formal access but much of the river has been fenced and planted.

Further upstream the river flows across open farmland and there is some good water above Rapa Road where an esplanade reserve extends for about one kilometre. From Whiter Road, a fishing reserve provides public access to both sides of the river for about 6 kilometres downstream and 5 kilometre upstream. Here the river is narrow and typically fast flowing, but fish numbers are considerable. Access is provided by small bridges or fords reached by crossing farmland on the Te poroporo Road - landowner permission must be obtained.

Small Streams:

There are many small streams throughout the South Waikato that hold good trout populations, albeit generally of small fish. Nevertheless they provide interesting fishing and late in the season can often hold large trout.

Popular small streams include the Ngutuwera and Waiomou (Pokaiwhenua system), Waitui (Waipare system), Purere (Waimakariri system), Waiomatoto (Waipa River system), and Pakahu (Warawarawarawera system) streams.