

The external occipital protuberance is situated on the external surface of the squamous part of the occipital bone and is located midway between the summit and foramen magnum in the midline where it is easily palpable and can be quite prominent. The highest and superior nuchal lines pass laterally on each side of the external occipital protuberance; inferiorly, the external occipital crest runs in the midline. The external occipital protuberance gives attachment to the epicranial aponeurosis, ligamentum nuchae and trapezius.