

The **occipital vein** arises from a venous network found on the posterior aspect of the occipital bone, where it drains the overlying scalp. It pierces the cranial attachment of trapezius to enter the suboccipital triangle where it drains into the deep cervical and vertebral veins. Occasionally, the occipital vein may accompany the occipital artery to drain into the internal jugular vein.