

# Eagle steps

## Grade II listed

This flight of steps down to the extensive rolling lawns from the parterre tier, familiarly known as Eagle Steps, was introduced when the estate was transformed into a park by the LCC. They are rather sniffily dismissed by Historic England in their listing, describing them briefly as “gadrooned stone piers at top of steps with stone statues of seated rustic couple in the style of John Nost c1700.” No mention of the eagles which give the steps their name and one wonders what happened to the other statues! However, the walls flanking the steps are of historic value dating back to the C17 and were restored to a high standard in the early C21 using Heritage Lottery Money together with Camden funds.

The steps have been immortalised in a drawing by Mrs Evelyn Cecil (Alicia Amherst) in her book *London Parks and Gardens* (1907), in which she describes Waterlow Park as ‘undoubtedly the most beautiful of all the parks in London’.